

JULY 2015

READERS' HOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON P. 105

# real living

12th ANNIVERSARY

THE PHILIPPINES' BEST-SELLING HOME MAGAZINE

## SHOPPING

GET THE LOOK OF OUR COVERS  
FROM 2003 TO 2015!  
PLUS NEW TAKES ON  
THE RETRO LOOK AND MORE

## EAT, LOVE, DECORATE!

FAB DESIGN IDEAS FROM HIP  
HOTELS & RESTOS

## BEST RL HOMES EVER!

- \* D.I.Y. STARTER NEST
- \* SLEEK TROPICAL HOME
- \* FUNKY INDUSTRIAL CONDO
- \* ELEGANT DESIGNER LAIR
- \* MODERN PINOY HOUSE

RL EXCLUSIVE  
SPECIAL

2015

**25**  
**CREATIVES**  
**TO WATCH**  
IN ARTS,  
CRAFTS &  
DESIGN

## 12 MUST-HAVE CLUTTER-BUSTERS

Check them out on p. 54



### RL MAKEOVER DESIGNER:

"My first Real Makeover  
only cost P5,000!"  
SEE HER LATEST RENOV  
ON P. 112

#PASSIONONRL  
SEE THE  
RL TEAM'S  
PERSONAL  
SPACES!  
P.6



9 771655 995003

#PASSIONON



# YOUR STYLE, ONE CHOICE.

FUNCTION, QUALITY AND DESIGN:  
THEY SPEAK OF YOU.

Lam table / Etoile chair / Sextans suspension lamp / Urban sofa / Clips throw pillows / Tweet coffee table  
Tender side table / Africa carpets / Lazy armchair / Big Wave lamp / Division bookcase

## MANILA SHOWROOM

G/F and Mezzanine Floor, Clipp Center  
11th Avenue corner 39th Street - Fort Bonifacio Global City, 1634  
Taguig City, Philippines  
Ph. +63 2 8691059 - Cel. +63 998 8880880  
info.calligaris@furnitalia.com.ph

## CEBU SHOWROOM

Witco Marketing, Inc.  
868-A A.S. Fortuna St.  
Banilad, Mandaue City  
Ph. +63 32 3439340 Fax +63 32 3439372  
wmi@witco.com.ph





calligaris   
ITALIAN  
SMART DESIGN  
SINCE 1923



# EDITOR'S NOTE

## GETTING BETTER WITH AGE

If you could go back in time 12 years ago, what would you tell your younger self? If that happened to me, I'd first warn myself that my metabolic functions would slow down drastically, and then I'd tell myself—seriously now—that an amazing number of home stores would mushroom in the next years.

I'd also tell my younger self that all things would get better with age. Some of the perks of working in a shelter magazine are witnessing how trends come and go (read that story in Shopping, p. 17), and seeing how designers' individual styles evolve as they grow older and more experienced. Many of the designers we've taken a chance on as fresh grads now show styles that have grown disciplined and refined, while the other industry professionals take a brave and fresh turnaround on their aesthetics. It is truly satisfying watching these designers' careers blossom and succeed over time.

Homeowners' tastes have evolved, too, and the challenge now of the design industry is how to cater to the market's highly inspired tastes, what with Pinterest and Instagram just a tap away. But as the housing industry grows and blooms, there is no turning back—age is just a number, and growing old means getting better and wiser.



Celebrate our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary with behind-the-scenes photos of our second 25 Creatives Shoot on [www.realliving.com.ph](http://www.realliving.com.ph)! (from left: Dagny, Katherine, Tala, Paula, Sunshine, Nat, Rachelle, AJ)

*Rachelle*

Editor In Chief **RACHELLE F. MEDINA** Creative Director **NAT M. CLAVE** Managing Editor **SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA**  
Associate Features Editor **KATHERINE LOPEZ** Style Editor **DAGNY MADAMBA** Associate Stylist **TALA SINGSON**  
Editorial Assistant **PAULA DE GUZMAN** Production Coordinator **ERIC CAGOCO** Intern **AJ BUQUID**

### CONTRIBUTORS

**Writers** Bubbles Salvador, Maika Q. Bernardo, Cecile Jusi-Baltasar, Camyl Besinga, Allen Obeña  
**Photographers** Kurt Alvarez/ACME Visual Productions, Dairy Darilag, Miguel Nacianceno, Michael Angelo Chua, Cyrus Panganiban  
**Illustrator** Rian Bautista

**President** Lisa Gokongwei-Cheng  
**Publisher** Edna T. Belleza  
**Vice President For Operations**  
Hansel C. Dela Cruz  
**Group Editorial Director**  
Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon  
**Editorial Directors** Myrza C. Sison,  
Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon  
**Deputy Group Publisher**  
Ichi Apostol Acosta  
**Associate Publisher** Tom Castañeda

**WEB (WWW.REALLIVING.COM.PH)**  
**Business Development Consultant**  
Jamie Lyn Arcega  
**Managing Editor** Cielo Anne Calzado  
**Associate Section Editor** Therese Dehesa  
**Editorial Assistant** Bea Perdigon  
**PHP Developer** Kenneth Patrick Triviro  
**Web Editorial Consultant** Beatriz Tianco

**ADMINISTRATION**  
**Info System & Admin Director**  
Mags E. Castro

**Administrative Services Manager**  
Whilma Lopez  
**Administrative Assistants**  
Marlyn Miguel, Michiel Lumabi

**ADVERTISING**  
**Group Advertising Director**  
Florence Bienvenido  
**Advertising Director-Key Accounts Group**  
Regie Uy  
**Advertising Sales Manager** Torto Canga  
**Key Accounts Specialists** Joey Anciano,  
Joyce Argana, Junn De Las Alas, Alex  
Revelar, Annie Santos  
**Account Executives** Jerry Cabauatan,  
Andi Trinidad, Ar Kuo, Len Manalo,  
Mark Lim

**CIRCULATION**  
**Circulation Manager** Alma M. Madelo  
**Deputy National Circulation**  
Manager Glenda Gil  
**Circulation Manager-Gma**  
Alaine Mae Lozada  
**International Distribution Specialist**  
Ulysis Javier  
**Distributors Group Head-Gma**  
Malou Rubinos  
**Key Accounts Group Heads**  
Noreen Peligro, Vivian Manahan  
**Circulation Supervisor** Mary Fatima Flores  
**Subscription Group Head** Hannah Montecor  
**Key Accounts Specialists** Jennifer

Tolentino, Charlotte Barlis, Edward  
Caringal, Hazel Mardo, Jay Escototo,  
Alfredo Toledo Jr.  
**Junior Sales Representatives - Gma**  
John Lakhi Celso, Anjelyn Carino,  
Ruby Frias, Reigine Caisido, Edilen Tomas  
**Distributors Specialist-Central Luzon**  
Gian Carlo Peralta  
**Distributors Specialist-Northern Luzon**  
Mark Elliot Villola  
**Distributors Specialist-Southern Luzon**  
Francis Daryl Molo  
**Distributors Specialist-Southern/ Central**  
**Mindanao** Eric Ferdinand Gasatan  
**Distributors Specialist-Central/ Eastern**  
**Visayas** Roberto Revilla  
**Newsstands Supervisor** Joel Valdez  
**Subscription Coordinators**  
Nathaniel Embiado, Carla Soriano,  
Annalyn Arambulo  
**Telemarketer** Michelle Jayin, Felix Tong  
**Distribution Account Analyst**  
May Ann Ayuste  
**Circulation Administrative Assistants**  
Marjorie Y. Abueme, Elnie Marie Delos Santos  
**Logistics Manager** Norman Campo

For Dealership/ Distributorship Inquiry  
Contact The Circulation Department 451-8888  
Loc. 1094 Look For Malou Rubinos  
For International Distribution  
Look For Ulysis Javier 689-1025  
For Back Issues Contact Filbars

Look For Joven Napiere 584-27-84 / 584-18-41  
Visual Mix / Booksales Cebu Inc.  
Look For Leo Labor 824-09-59 / 824-09-47

**Creative Solutions**  
**Managing Editor** Roanna Capaque  
**Assistant Managing Editor** Chica Villarta  
**Art Directors** Katrina Veloso, Paulo  
Santillan, Leia Gutierrez

**Events Department Marketing Director**  
Ramon Manzano III  
**Assistant Marketing Manager**  
Roberlin Rubina  
**Project Officers**  
Eduardo Jay Almeda Jr., Patricia Cordero,  
Jocelyn Negrete  
**Senior Marketing Associates**  
Ana Monica Barretto, Joe Carl Brion,  
Rica Lozada, Siena Mirano,  
Jesusa Angela Padua  
**Junior Marketing Associates** Alvin  
Paronda, Kath Vanguardia

**PRODUCTION**  
**Production Manager** Eliz E. Rellis  
**Assistant Production Manager**  
Jane M. Puno  
**Advertising Traffic Assistant**  
Arthur Villaflo  
**Layout and Graphic Artists**  
Gem Evangelista, Dindo Rollan,  
Louie Arenas, Monica Saputit,  
Mady Marcelino, Martin Cosme

photography CYRUS PANGANIBAN



Like us on facebook for events and  
behind-the-scene photos! Check out  
[www.facebook.com/realliving.ph](http://www.facebook.com/realliving.ph)



Subscribe to Real Living magazine and never miss a copy!  
Go to <https://www.summitnewsstand.com.ph/real-living>  
You can now subscribe to Real Living magazine using the  
BUQO APP on your iPad, iPhone, or Android! Go to  
<http://store.buqo.ph>

Follow us on:



@reallivingph



# Tefal

*A breath of  
fresh air with*  
**TEFAL SERENITY FANS!**



## Strong Wind Power



Strong wind power



16" fan blade



Widely air flow



## Guaranteed Safety



Safety thermal fuse



Grid complying with  
international safety  
standards



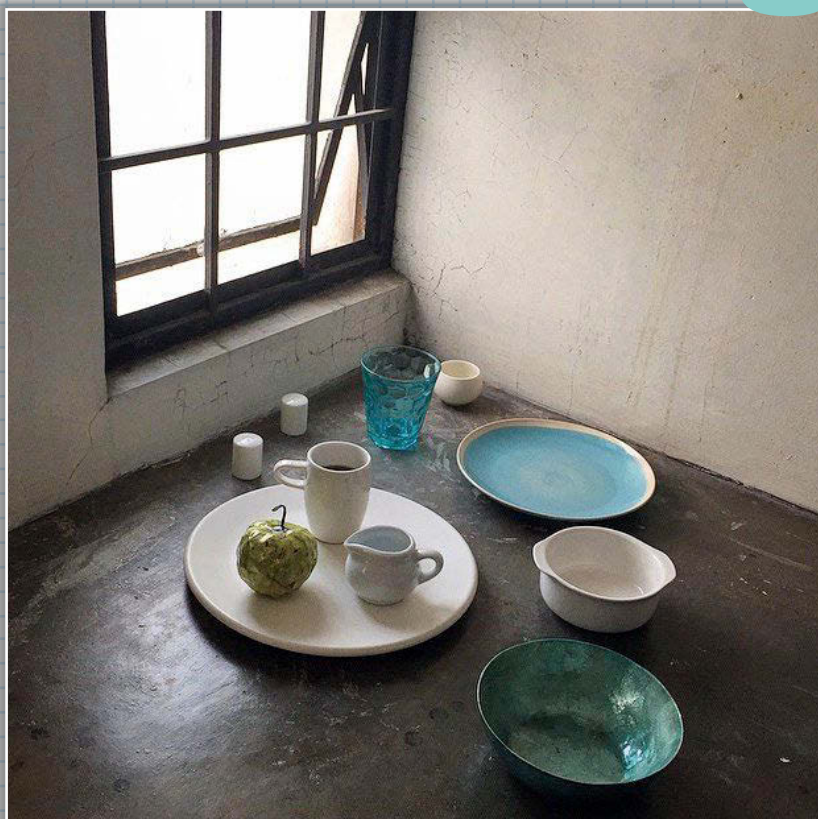
[www.facebook.com/tefalph](https://www.facebook.com/tefalph) [@tefalph](https://www.instagram.com/tefalph)

Tefal is exclusively distributed nationwide by Rustan Marketing Corporation and available in leading department stores nationwide.



JULY 2015

# real living



**This month's Instagram snap is by @chef\_in\_heels:**  
"Inspired by things blue today." #boquerialifestylemarket  
#beinspired #vignettes #instalivingph

**INSTA-PIRATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!** Follow *Real Living* on Instagram @reallivingph. Share your own home design inspiration by using our special hashtag #instalivingph. Be creative with your photo, create a memorable caption, and your inspired image could be featured in an upcoming issue of *Real Living*!

## COVER STORIES

THIS JULY, WE PAY HOMAGE TO 12 YEARS OF HOME IDEAS BY GIVING YOU PLACES AND STORIES THAT OVERFLOW WITH INSPIRATION

**17 SHOPPING: COVER STORY.** Be inspired by the defining styles that have graced our covers for the past twelve years

**31 25 CREATIVES TO WATCH:** These individuals who have excelled in their respective fields give us the low-down on their passion and inspiration

**43 DÉCOR IDEAS: ROOMS FOR INSPIRATION:** Cop the look of these five well-designed establishments

**54 ORGANIZE IT: 12 ORGANIZING MUST-HAVES.** Organizing is a breeze with these indispensable items

**105 RL NOTEBOOK: READERS' HOME QUESTIONS—ANSWERED!** The most popular renovating and decorating conundrums answered by our experts

**112 REAL MAKEOVER: BRIGHT AND SUNNY.** Interior designer Kat Villanueva turned a drab living room into a fun and cozy place

## REAL HOMES

Take a trip down the memory lane with the designers that have seen *Real Living* grow to what it is today

**58 IN THE CLUB.** This edgy and stylish condo in the metro speaks volumes about the owner

**66 LOVINGLY UPCYCLED.** An owner's DIY smarts and penchant for upcycling make this a true RL home

**74 TROPICAL SANCTUARY.** This airy abode exudes understated luxury

**84 PINOY PRIDE.** A young family's southern Mañosa-designed abode is a celebration of all things Filipino

**94 TIMELESS TASTE.** Storied pieces and elegant accessories grace this celebrated fashion designer's home

## LIVING AND DECORATING

Design styles evolve through time. These tried-and-tested tips and tricks will keep you in the know.

### ASK IT

**10 SMALL DETAILS.** Interior designer Kimi Manuel offers sensible advice for your home-related questions

### NESTING NEWS

**16 PLUG AND PLAY.** These gadgets are all about sleek style and vintage quirk

### SHOP OF THE MONTH

**24 SPACE ENCOUNTERS.** This home store suki gives a new twist to its trademark mid-century style with modern Pinoy flavor

### REAL ESTATE SMARTS

**116 LUXE LIVING.** Live the trappings of a posh life with these luxurious developments that pull all the stops on amenities and design

### REAL PEOPLE

**120 MY 10 FAVORITE THINGS: CONI TEJADA.** Former RL staff member and stylist Coni Tejada shares with us her personal space

## IN EVERY ISSUE

2 Editor's Note 6 Instaliving  
12 The RL List 118 Directory



**THIS MONTH'S COVER  
INTERIORS BY  
KRISTINE NERI-MAGTURO**

**PHOTOGRAPHY  
DAIRY DARILAG**

**STYLING  
DAGNY MADAMBA &  
PAULA DE GUZMAN**





# LA GERMANIA

*Innovating through Generations!*

## A Master Chef's Experience

"It has been my companion from the very beginning. My journey to cooking will never be complete without my La Germania."

Chef Laudico



Our heritage of reliability continues. We create everyday dishes with precision and a masterful touch. Combining futuristic ingenuity and distinctive style, we provide perfection in your modern kitchen.



Freestanding Range



Gas Cooktop



Electric Cooktop



Built-in Oven



Range Hood

### Visit our Kitchen Gallery

**BGC SHOWROOM** G/F 32nd and Fifth bldg., 32nd st. corner 5th avenue (across St. Luke's Hospital) Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City Tel No. 697-4502

**ALABANG SHOWROOM** The Commerce Center East Asia Drive Corner Commerce Avenue Alabang Tel No. 861-3952

**MANILA SHOWROOM** 250 Escolta St., Corner E.T. Yuchengco St. Binondo, Manila Tel No. 244-6660

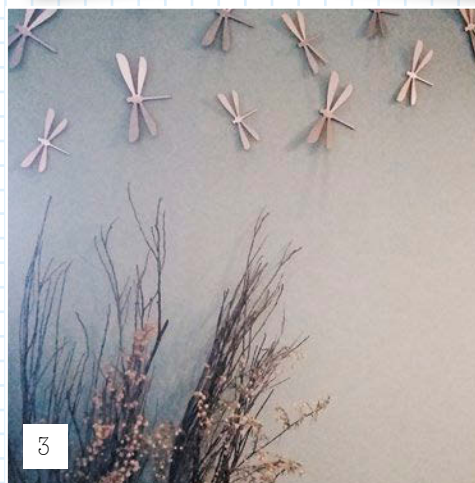
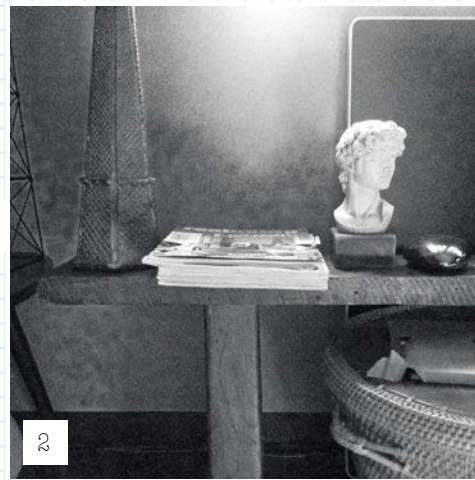
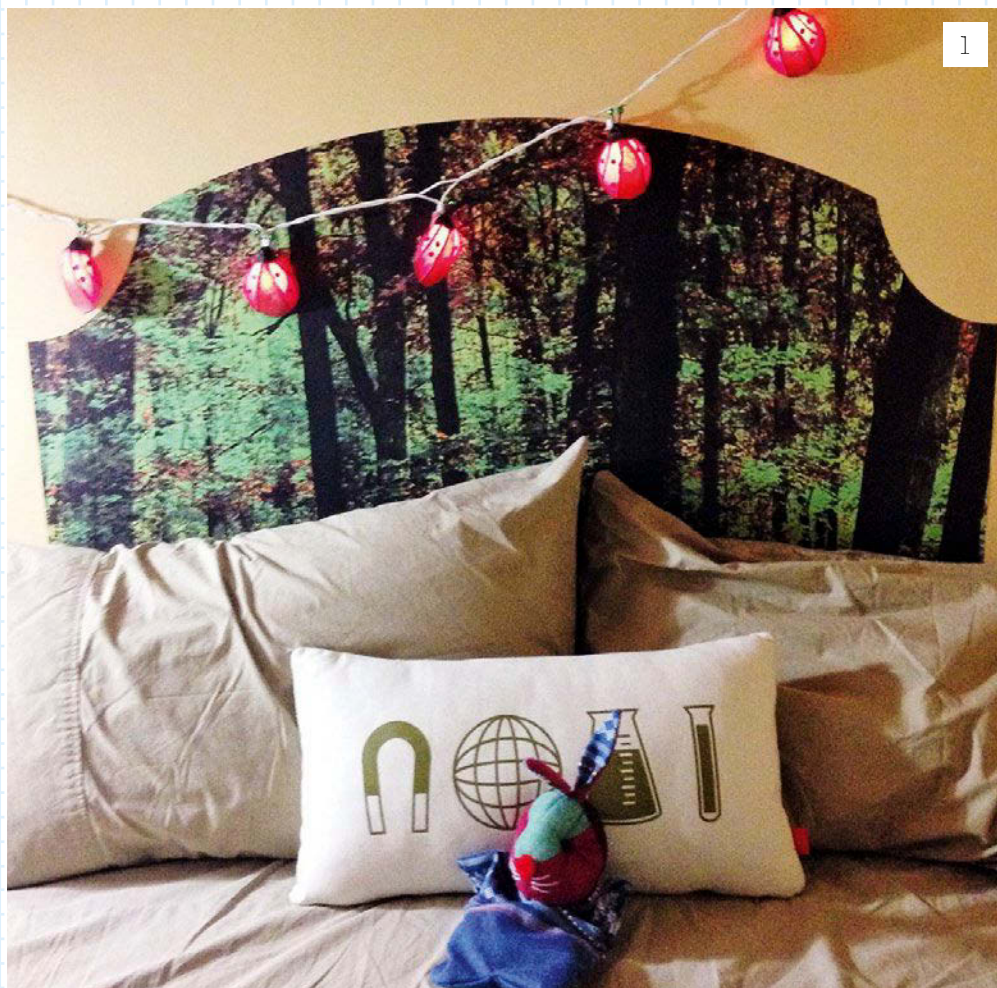
**CEBU SHOWROOM** A.S. Fortuna St., Banilad, Mandaue City, Cebu Tel No. (032) 416-5188

For inquiries, please call 564-1521 to 28. For more information visit: [www.lagermania.com.ph](http://www.lagermania.com.ph) | [info@lagermania.com.ph](mailto:info@lagermania.com.ph)

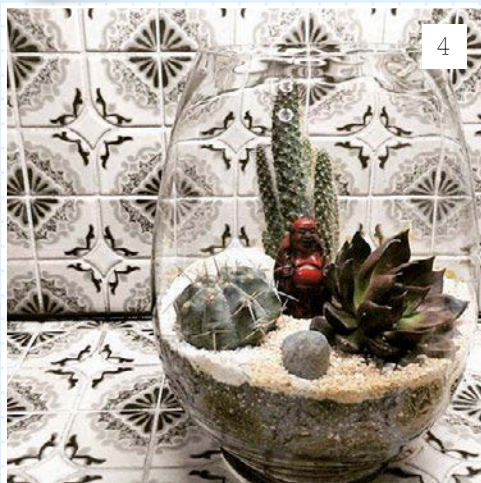


# Insta-living #passiononr1

\*\*\*\*\*



\* IN OUR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, THE REAL LIVING TEAM DOES A SHOW-AND-TELL OF THEIR FAVE CORNERS AT HOME



**1. Rachelle Medina, Editor-in-Chief**  
@anidemfinds  
“Magical forest.”  
#urbanoutfitters  
#stickerart #gus  
#atelieraguilatoys  
#kids #bedroom  
#finds

#instalivingph  
#homesweethome

**2. Nat Clave, Creative Director**  
@enclavesix  
#versatilebangko

**3. Sunshine Funa, Managing Editor**  
@shine\_funa “I call this wall across our kitchen our ‘indoor prairie.’”

**4. Jamie Lyn Arcega, Business Development Consultant for Web**  
@mrsjca: “Buddha in the desert for #terrariumtuesday.”

**5. Dagny Madamba, Style Editor**  
@dagnymadamba: “My favorite corner inside our cozy halfway home is this small vignette of books, postcards and artworks.”



**INSTAPIRATION at Your Fingertips!** Follow @reallivingph and share your home design inspirations by using our special hashtag #instalivingph. Be creative with your photo, create a memorable caption (may be edited for brevity), and your inspired image could be featured in a future issue of *Real Living*!



# REST AND RELAX IN STYLE



GEORGE BEDFRAME



GERE BEDFRAME



C-MORTIZ BEDFRAME



MARGARET MUIR  
MANUELA COLLECTION

SMHOME



ROYAL LINENS BAMBOO  
COTTON COLLECTION



MARGARET MUIR  
ROXANNE COLLECTION



ROYAL LINENS BRONZE COLLECTION



ULTIMA ANGUILLA COLLECTION

Available in selected branches.

www.smhome.com.ph SM Home smhome SM Home PH SMHome\_PH

THE STORE





6

**6. Paula de Guzman,**  
**Editorial Assistant**  
@paularoidcity:  
“I am a sucker for  
prints, and it shows!”  
#instalivingph

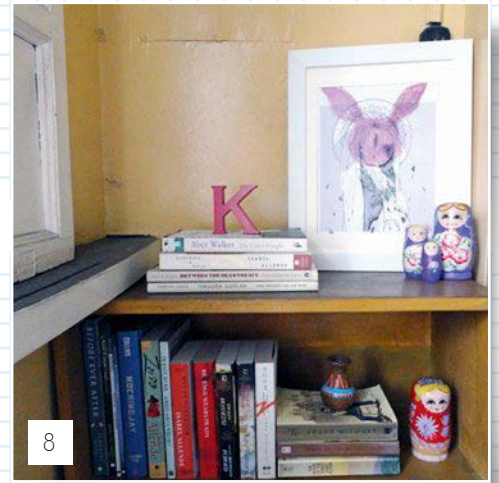


7

**7. Therese Dehesa,**  
**Associate Section**  
**Editor for Web**  
@theresedehesa: “I  
just moved into my  
10<sup>th</sup>(!) home in 6  
years! Thankfully,  
these DIY banners  
by Sheena Ira Tan-  
Padrigao make my  
space interesting.”

**8. Katherine Lopez,**  
**Associate Features**  
**Editor**  
@rainbowfantasy  
“I love this small  
bookshelf at the foot  
of my bed. I made  
Celdee’s artwork  
the focal point  
of the vignette.”  
#instalivingph

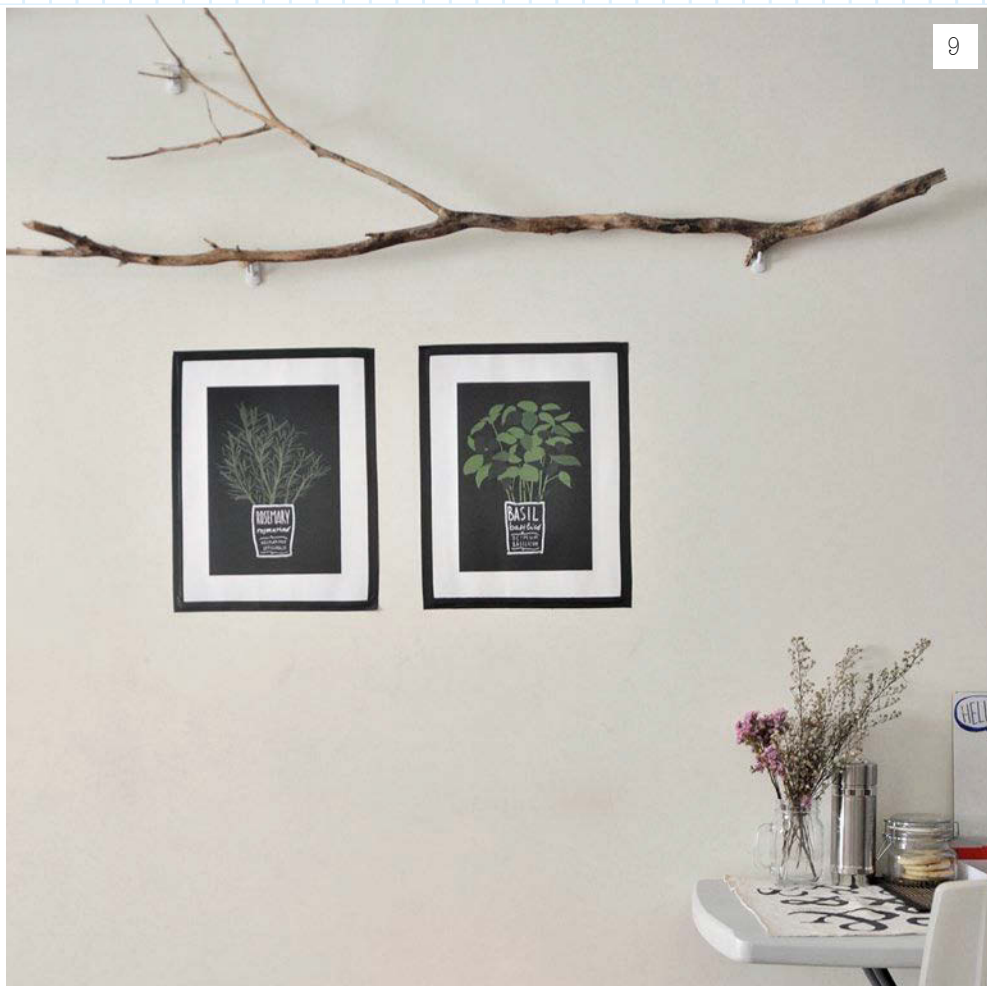
**9. Tala Singson,**  
**Associate Style**  
**Editor**  
@talasingson “When  
we moved in, the first  
thing my sister and I  
did was to hang this  
branch on the wall.  
It instantly made  
our rented space  
feel very organic.”  
#instalivingph #ikea



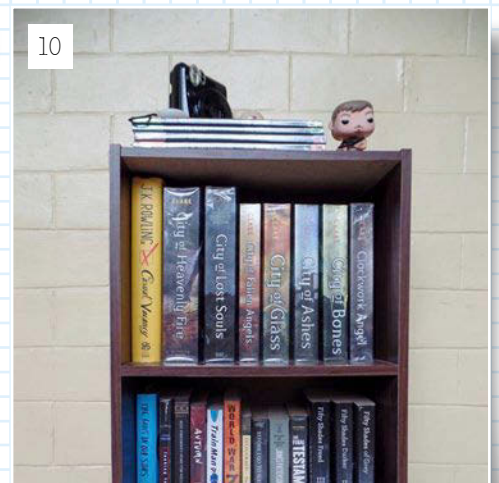
8

**10. Cielo Calzado,**  
**Managing Editor**  
**for Web**  
@cielly\_belly:  
“Nothing beats  
waking up to the  
sight of the things  
you love.”

**11. Bea Perdigon,**  
**Editorial Assistant**  
**for Web**  
@beaperdigon: “My  
favorite corner has  
to be my quaint  
reading nook! I love  
British culture, so  
I placed a blow up  
photo of the iconic  
red phone booth next  
to my reads.”



9



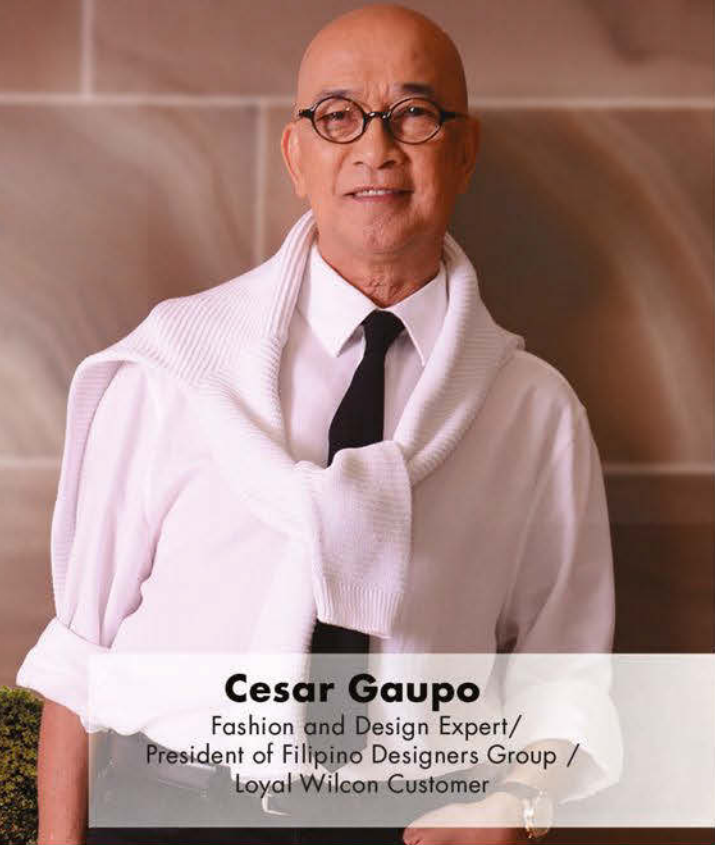
10



11



# Designing EXCELLENCE with HUMILITY



**Cesar Gaupo**

Fashion and Design Expert/  
President of Filipino Designers Group /  
Loyal Wilcon Customer

Small surprise that Wilcon Depot has already become a favorite stop for the choosiest of designers who only want stuff of highest quality and services of sure delivery.



***"What struck me most is the kind of service the staff of WILCON provides to customers which I have been experiencing for a long while myself. They are skilled and beaming with good attitude. To enjoy that privilege is vital to my work."***

Luminaries like premier home designer Cesar Gaupo are testaments to the high level of convenient and credible shopping it provides.

Having provided for almost four decades the home building and designing needs of A-listers in the field, as well as the pickiest of classy regular home enthusiasts, Wilcon remains in top form when securing the best services each Filipino home deserves.

Letting the excellent beauty of his work do the talking is partly the reason why Gaupo became an icon in the field of fashion, shoe couture, and home/place furnishing.

From the time he became a House Designer and Merchandiser for a retail store in the mid-1970s, up to the years he suited up as Chief Designer for China's Shanghai Tang during the first half of the new millennium, there was no denying he is of a rare breed.

He fitted well occupying the President post of Fashion Designers' Association of the Philippines in the early 1980s. So much that everybody feels in groove that he is President of Filipino Designers Group at the moment.

"Why me?" --- he shyly asked when Wilcon approached him to be its new ambassador.

Again, his accomplishments and fondness to Wilcon's quality of service did the talking.

The people of Wilcon are obviously elated that the company's service, and Gaupo's long, fruitful relationship with it, has done good for the latter's continuing success.

Wilcon President and CEO Mr. William Belo and SEVP - Chief Operating Officer Ms. Rosemarie Ong are vocally gratified over the significant role Wilcon played in assuring top talents like Gaupo of their premier needs in professional work and personal aesthetic preferences.

Like Wilcon, Gaupo's sense of purpose was already manifested early on, as in his own words, he had "started doodling way back in High School."

Wilcon's growth and the blossoming of his career truly mirror each other in that, they both ascended through a carefully relaxed pace, and without ever sliding back.

Right now, Gaupo is juggling time from serious work to communing with nature. He designs a bar in Boracay island and frequents the nature adorning Mindoro. His love for nature speaks well of his strong spiritual side. He shared, "At this time, I always find moments to savor the blessings that came and are still coming my way. It's always about who I am to God -- the positive side of it I get I try to put into my work."

On that note, Wilcon and Gaupo's destinies are forever intertwined.



**WILCON DEPOT**

**WILCON HOME ESSENTIALS**

[www.wilcon.com.ph](http://www.wilcon.com.ph)





# SMALL DETAILS

Interior designer **KIMI MANUEL** dishes out tips on accessorizing and creating privacy in a small space

## LIGHTING CONCERNS

**Q** What lighting pieces are recommended for small spaces to be extra cozy? Would floor lamps work in small spaces? —*Marcus Sambayan*

**A** Floor lamps and table lamps are ideal for small spaces because they bring the attention away from the ceiling or walls that would otherwise indicate the smallness of the space. Feel free to use uniquely shaped table lamps, such as the Cloche lamp from HAY. If you're looking for modern and sleek floor lamps, try the WH Pion L Side and WH Rope Trick lamps from HAY.



(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM) WH ROPE TRICK LAMP, HAY; WH PION L SIDE LAMP, HAY; CLOCHE LAMP, HAY



## PRIVATE MATTERS

**Q** How can I design my studio apartment in such a way that the sleeping area will have privacy? Beside the main door is a window, and at the opposite end are the kitchen and a door that leads to the laundry area. —*SJ San Juan*

**A** Movable screens or partitions provide privacy and are available at department stores and furniture stores. Freestanding bookshelves with backing can also be used to create privacy for your sleeping area. You may also have a carpenter and painter construct a simple fixed partition where you may integrate shelves or pegs for hanging.

### WHAT'S YOUR DECORATING PROBLEM?

Email us at [decor@realliving.com.ph](mailto:decor@realliving.com.ph) or post your questions at [www.facebook.com/realliving.ph](http://www.facebook.com/realliving.ph).



## BEDTIME QUERY

**Q** Where can I find affordable bed linens? I'm looking for ones with subtle patterns to jazz up my bed a bit, but I still want a relaxing vibe. —*Christine A.*

**A** There is a wide variety of affordable linens at department stores like SM Home and Robinsons Department Store, as well as at other home stores. You may want to use Debenhams's polka dot linen or Pottery Barn's quilt and shams. You can also mix plain, colored linens with accent pillows or throws of different patterns and textures. Try jazzing up your bed with a colored throw from H&M Home.

PINK THROW, P2,290, H&M HOME, G/L SM MAKATI, AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY



# VI SIX SENSES

## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AWAIT

Artist's perspective

Open up to a world of possibilities at SixSenses residences.

Set in the bay area of Pasay City, SixSenses residences serve as a gateway to the city's entertainment capital.

The towers are shaped into the lucky number 8, placing more units at opportune and spacious corners, immersing your home in the infinite wonders that lay just beyond the horizon of Manila Bay.



Actual photo

Generous living spaces

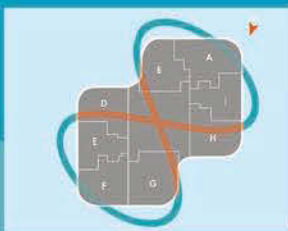


Figure 8 shaped towers

Visit our showroom at Le Parc Event Hall, EDSA cor. Macapagal Blvd. Metro Park, Bay Area, Pasay City

f t i sixsensesresidences | [www.sixsensesresidences.com](http://www.sixsensesresidences.com)

For your home by the bay, call: 551-0888

Artist's perspective



LTS NO. TOWER I: 029199

AA-NCR-15-05-240 Completion: 2016 Developer: Federal Land, Inc.





#### JULY'S PICK

### CRATE & BARREL SPRING COLLECTION

Home furnishings brand Crate & Barrel has released its spring collection inspired by the seaside. This collection features pieces in relaxing colors like aqua, teal, and seafoam, as well as natural finishes. Aside from accessories, Crate & Barrel's new line also includes entertaining wares such as the Lake dinnerware in deep, dramatic blue and the Del Mar pitcher, wine goblet, and margarita glass (above). Visit Crate & Barrel's newest showroom at 3/L SM Aura Premier, Taguig City. —KL



LIGHTS  
ON!

High-end lighting supplier Steltz recently launched designer Michael Anastassiades's collection of lighting pieces for Flos. His IC Lights collection, inspired by a Youtube video of a contact juggler, consists of table and wall lamps, ceiling pendants, and ceiling-mounted lights that are made up of a sphere held by a rod. Meanwhile, his String Lights collection (right) features pendant lights held by a "string" and is inspired by electricity cables he saw while riding a train. Both collections showcase balance, symmetry, and class in their simplicity. Visit the new Steltz showroom at 6/L Shangri-La Plaza East Wing, Mandaluyong City. —KL



#### MORE THAN TV

Sony Bravia introduces its new line of 4K and Full HD televisions. These televisions not just offer high-resolution, cinematic images, but also support Google's Android TV operating system 5.0 or Lollipop, allowing you to stream video and play games. Other features include the Google Cast (which allows you to transfer content from mobile devices into your television), Voice Search function, and Google Play. Sony also introduces its thinnest LCD TV—the X9000C series—which is only 4.9mm-thin, and will thus be a sleek staple in today's modern homes. For more information, visit [www.sony.com.ph](http://www.sony.com.ph). —KL



#### BATHING BLISS

Fans of all-natural bath and beauty products were treated to a whole day of handmade soap making by BodyFood All-natural last May. Spearheaded by owner Ana Niguidula, participants created their own generous bars of luscious, cold-pressed soaps. Premium essential oils, shea butter, raw honey, and lavender extracts are among the many natural ingredients that participants used to create their own blocks of soap. For inquiries, text 0917-882-1223 or email Ana at [bodyfoodallnaturalhq@gmail.com](mailto:bodyfoodallnaturalhq@gmail.com). —SSF



#### SHOP AT WARESHOP!

LOOKING FOR MORE UNIQUE PIECES? CHECK OUT WARESHOP, AN ONLINE STORE THAT SPECIALIZES IN ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME PRODUCTS, RANGING FROM PLATES TO GLASS CARAFES AND EVEN VINTAGE-LOOKING ALUMINUM FLASKS. THE ONLINE STORE WAS LAUNCHED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2013 AND IS NOW CURRENTLY OUT WITH ITS FOURTH COLLECTION. THE BRAND ALSO CONSIGNS WITH OTHER STORES LIKE EDITION LIFESTYLE, HEIMA, AND BUNGALOW 300. VISIT [WWW.THEWARESHOP.COM](http://WWW.THEWARESHOP.COM) TO SEE MORE OF ITS COLLECTIONS. —DM

photography SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA (soaps), WARESHOP (Wareshop)





# Energy efficiency at its coolest



As intelligent sensors detect temperature changes, energy is consumed wisely by only cooling when needed, unlike ordinary refs which cool continuously.



Proven to have shown better energy savings, it does not damage the ozone layer by having a short lifespan in the atmosphere making this ref an environment-friendly choice.



This minimizes loss of cold air and ensures consistent cooling and improved energy efficiency. It also adds structural stability to your refrigerator.

**neo**  
iCHILL

**INVERTER**  
**EQUIVALENT**  
REFRIGERATOR

This innovative technology lets you **save up to 50% in energy consumption** while keeping every part of your refrigerator in optimal cooling temperatures. Energy savings are equivalent to that of inverter refrigerators.

Exclusively Distributed by:

**EXATECH**  
Excellence Appliance Technologies



**Whirlpool Philippines**

G/F EXATECH Bldg. #56 Cordillera St. cor. E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City  
Tel. No. 230-1555 • [www.whirlpool.com.ph](http://www.whirlpool.com.ph)







### ELEGANT CHOICES

Established by designer-sisters Cyndi and Happy Fernandez, Moss Manila Home offers exclusively designed furniture, accessories, and objects of art and curiosities scored from travels around the world. Pieces from Moss Manila Home make a statement without compromising elegance and class. Aside from these, the store also offers complimentary interior styling services together with your purchase. You can also have pieces customized. Visit Moss Manila Home at 1 Granada St., Gilmore, Quezon City, tel. (02) 632-1978, or check out [www.mossmanilahome.com](http://www.mossmanilahome.com). —KL

## sneak reads



**BEAUTIFUL HOMES BOOK (VOLUME 1 & 2)**  
30 Beautiful Homes Book 1 and 2 feature the best Real Homes you've come to love throughout RL's 12 years. The chapters are divided into different popular home styles—from tropical to minimalist-modern. Unique insights from the homeowners that helped them achieve their dream home and helpful tips



on where to find similar items make this an enjoyable read for days when you're lacking on inspiration. Download the digital copy at [www.summitnewsstand.com.ph/books](http://www.summitnewsstand.com.ph/books)



**REAL HOME IDEAS 8**  
Repainting your home? *Real Home Ideas 8: The Color Book 2* gives you ideas on various color schemes that you can try—from timeless neutrals to brave combinations of bright hues. The

book's shopping pages also showcase different home accessories—all grouped by color, so it's easy for you to pick out what goes with your space. Get the digital copy at [www.summitnewsstand.com.ph/books](http://www.summitnewsstand.com.ph/books) —PDG



### SLEEP THERAPY

URATEX CONSTANTLY INNOVATES THE WAY PEOPLE SLEEP BY USING SLEEP SCIENCE, THE DISCIPLINE BEHIND THE URATEX PREMIUM MATTRESS COLLECTION. A VARIETY OF STATE-OF-THE-ART FOAMS ARE USED IN MATTRESSES. THE PERFECT SERENITY COLLECTION HAS ADVANCED 3D SPACE FABRIC THAT ALLOWS CONSTANT AIRFLOW FOR A COOL, FRESH FEELING; WHILE THE SENSO MEMORY COLLECTION HAS MEMORY FOAM THAT EVENLY DISTRIBUTES PRESSURE FOR A MORE COMFORTABLE SLEEP. CHECK OUT [WWW.URATEX.COM.PH](http://WWW.URATEX.COM.PH) FOR MORE INFO. —MAF

### BRITISH INVASION

John Lewis, a prominent department store chain operating in Great Britain, recently tied up with SM Malls to offer a wide range of home products including bed, bath, tableware, and other home accessories. All pieces have a distinct, classic but cheeky British flair. See them at dedicated John Lewis sections inside SM Home Makati and Our Home Megamall, the first couple of stores among 11 shop-in-shops to carry the brand.



### MAKE HAY

Scandinavian furniture and accessories firm Hay aims to bring Danish design back to its glory days in the '50s and '60s when the likes of Arne Jacobsen and Hans Wegner ruled. Hay's staple of young European designers such as the Bouroullec brothers, Komplot, and Scholten & Baijings create sleek, affordable, but incredibly hip pieces for a new generation of modern design enthusiasts. Check out Hay at Casa Bella Home & Living, G/L AIC Burgundy Empire Tower, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, or visit [hay.dk](http://hay.dk). —MAF



The world's favorite lock



Cherish your world.  
**Protect the things  
that matter most.**





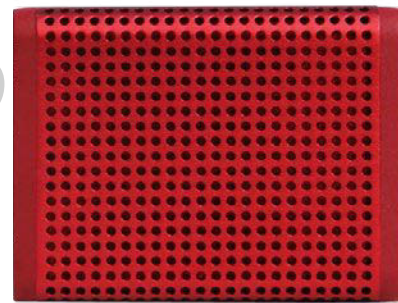
1



2



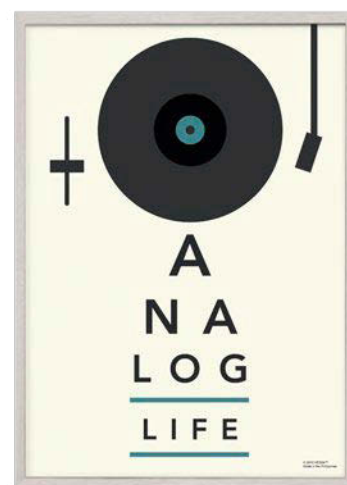
3



4

# PLUG & PLAY

This cool selection of HOME GADGETS & APPLIANCES has the combined appeal of old and new



9



8



5

6

7



- 1. HOUSE DJ.** Get your music fix with these DJ-quality headphones. A3PRO Headphones, price available upon request, Philips, The Listening Room, 3/L Bldg. B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
- 2. GOOD MORNING.** You won't be throwing the alarm out the window with this wireless clock-dock that syncs your music from your Bluetooth-enabled Android Phone. Dock, A5170, P6,599, Philips, Ansons [www.ansons.ph](http://www.ansons.ph)
- 3. SPEAK NOW.** This Bluetooth speaker

- will be your best travel buddy, thanks to its seamless design and crisp audio quality. Mipow Travel Speakers, prices available upon request, available at all leading appliance stores nationwide
- 4. THE BLACK BOX.** Its easy-peasy connection boosts the sound system of your TV for a great viewing experience. BlueRay Soundstage Home Theater, P25,990, Ansons
- 5. ROUND AND ROUND.** Adorn your walls with a poster that pays homage to the good ol' years of analog technology. Analog Wall Art, P4,100,

- Heima, [www.heimastore.com](http://www.heimastore.com)
- 6. FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE.** With Samsung's Curved HDTV's smallest size pegged at 55 inches, you won't be left with mediocre visuals. Samsung TV, price available upon request, available at all leading Samsung retailers nationwide
- 7. COUCH POTATO.** Plug in your USB loaded with your fave shows, throw on your lounge pants, and binge-watch on a weekend. DivX Ultra DVD player, P1,690, available at all leading appliance stores nationwide

- 8. BASS DOWN LOW.** Whether you're into listening to the classics or partying to EDM, this micro Music System is made to entertain. Philips Micro Music System, P9,990, available in all leading appliance stores nationwide
- 9. JOIN THE UNION.** This retro-classic fridge is sleek and has the right touch of British quirk. SMEG FAB10RUJ Refrigerator, Price available upon request, SMEG, SMEG Showroom Shangri-La Plaza East Wing, Mandaluyong City

words & picks PAULA DE GUZMAN photos courtesy of the brands



# EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH COLORS

Boysen launches four trendy color personalities, all inspired by social influences on our current lifestyles, to help you redefine your own living spaces.



## NATURIST

For many city dwellers, there is a need to bring lush greens, warm wood tones, and vibrant reds into living spaces to connect with nature. The lighter hues of marble and silk transform the palette from rustic to urbane, adapted to the contemporary taste of today's society.

## AVANT-GARDE

For those who embrace individualism, who march to their own beat—no rules will define them. Reds, blues, yellows and greens—bold, intense combinations bound only by imagination.

## KINETIC

This palette is for those living in the fast lane. The intensity of tangerine is balanced by cool grays and blues. Youthful and energetic, the shades are well suited for people moving toward their dreams at a rapid pace.

## PERFECTIONIST

For those who have an eye for timeless beauty and the subtlety of classic colors. Subdued and self-assured, it is befitting for those who retreat to their homes to calm their senses instead of stimulating them.

The four color personalities are now available at a Boysen Mix & Match™ paint mixing station near you.

For more information, visit [www.BoysenColorTrends.com](http://www.BoysenColorTrends.com)

  [boysenpaintsphilippines](https://www.facebook.com/boysenpaintsphilippines)

*\*For technical reasons connected with color reproduction in print and paint manufacturing, these colors may not exactly match actual paint color.*





# COVER STORY

COP THE LOOK OF HOMES THAT  
HAVE GRACED THE COVERS OF REAL  
LIVING FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS!



words & picks DAGNY MADAMBA, TALA SINGSON AND PAULA DE GUZMAN photography KURT ALVAREZ & MICHAEL ANGELO CHUA





**PASTEL SHAPES.** Kaleido Mix Trays, prices available upon request, HAY

**LITTLE LEWIS.** Lewis Pendant Lamp, price available upon request, Match



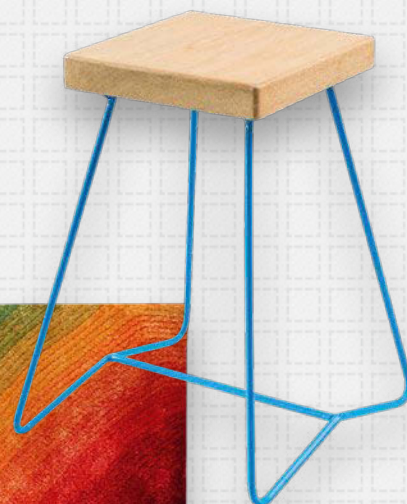
**TOPSY TURVY.** Spinning Top, prices available upon request, HAY



**LAYERED SPECTRUM.** Basket, P599, H&M Home



**RAINBOW BRIGHT.** Rug 80x150cm, P2,150, Mandaue Foam



**CHILDHOOD GAMES.** Sipa Stool, P6,500, Space Encounters

2013-2015

# {Modern brights}



**LOOK THROUGH.** Transparent Chair, P5,995, Our Home

**NATURE CALLS.** Bird Throwpillow, P250; Flower Pillow, P340, both from Mandaue Foam



**SOFT GRAYS.** Mags Soft Divina Melange Sofa, price available upon request, HAY



## WHERE TO BUY:

**H&M HOME**  
G/L SM MAKATI, AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY  
WWW.HM.COM/PH/SUBDEPARTMENT/HOME

**HAY**  
CASA BELLA HOME & LIVING, G/L AIC BURGUNDY EMPIRE TOWER, ADB AVE., ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY  
WWW.HAY.DK

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD., MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
WWW.MANDAUEFOAM.PH

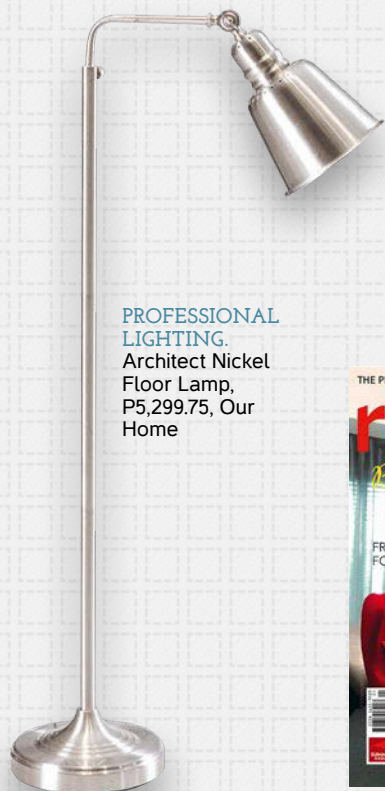
**MATCH**  
WAREHOUSE 1 ID FURNITURE DESIGN CENTER, 2100 PASONG TAMO EXT., MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 642-9951

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-1943  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**SPACE ENCOUNTERS**  
UNIT B MEZZANINE, PADILLA BLDG., F. ORTIGAS JR., ORTIGAS CENTER, MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 910-8031  
WWW.SPACEENCOUNTERS.NET

**TIP** IN RECENT YEARS, RL SHOWCASED COLORFUL, INSTAGRAM-WORTHY HOMES AND CONDOS WITH A YOUNGISH, MODERN VIBE. WHEN WORKING WITH THESE BRIGHTS, STICK TO A PALETTE OF THREE TO FOUR HUES AND BALANCE IT OUT WITH NEUTRALS TO KEEP YOUR SPACE FROM LOOKING TOO JUVENILE.





**PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING.** Architect Nickel Floor Lamp, P5,299.75, Our Home



**RESTLESS MIND.** Tuliro Chandelier, P28,000, Space Encounters



2010-2012

# {Mid-century pop}



**HOT SEAT.** Savino Accent Chair, P11,950, Our Home



**LIP SERVICE.** Black & White Jacquard Scales Pillow, P320, Oxford Lips Cushion, P230, both from Mandaue Foam; Sketch Throw Pillow Cover, price available upon request, H&M Home



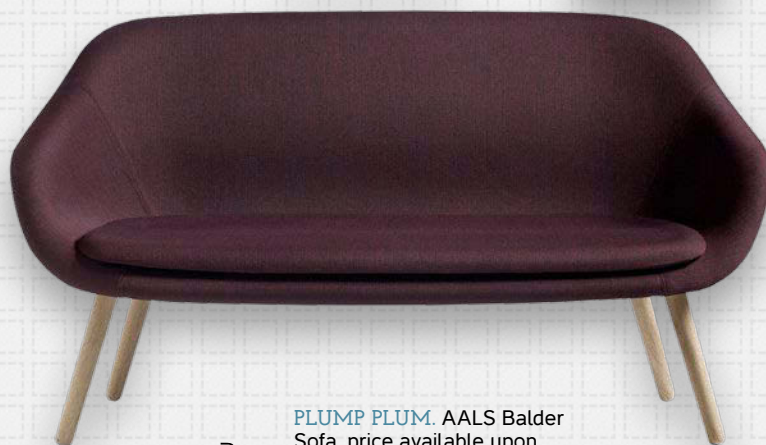
**WHITE-FACED.** Franco TV Stand, P10,950, Our Home



**RED SUN.** Umbra Sunny Desk Photo Display, P899.75, Our Home



**THINK GREEN.** Klint Fabrics, prices available upon request, Bo Concept



**PLUMP PLUM.** AALS Balder Sofa, price available upon request, HAY

## WHERE TO BUY:

**BO CONCEPT**  
MOS DESIGN, B2 BONIFACIO HIGH STREET, BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY, TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 856-2748  
WWW.MOSDESIGN.COM.PH/

**HAY**  
CASA BELLA HOME & LIVING, G/L AIC BURGUNDY EMPIRE TOWER, ADB AVE., ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY  
WWW.HAY.DK.

**H&M HOME**  
G/L SM MAKATI, AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD., MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
WWW.MANDAUEFOAM.PH

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-1943  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**SPACE ENCOUNTERS**  
UNIT B MEZZANINE, PADILLA BLDG., F. ORTIGAS JR., ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY  
WWW.SPACEENCOUNTERS.NET

**TIP** THE LATTER PART OF THE DECADE SPAWNED MID-CENTURY MODERN PIECES (SPACE ENCOUNTERS, DWELL) MIXED WITH POP ART (PABLO). TO UPDATE IT, INCORPORATE THESE FUN STYLES THROUGH ACCESSORIES LIKE PILLOWS AND FRAMED PRINTS SO YOU CAN EASILY REPLACE THEM WITH OTHER STYLES.



# Stylish Celebrations

Create an inviting ambiance with some key pieces from Robinsons Department Store



Luminarc Plates, P329.75-P379.75; Chef's Classic Flatware Set, P1,499.75  
Hanabishi Convection Oven 30L, P3,225.00; Hanabishi Electric Mixer, P5,485.00  
Kyowa Induction Cooker, P3,000.00; American Home Electric Kettle, P2,999.00



**CLEAR GREENS.**  
Faux Plant, P1,999.75; Clear Vase, P1,299.75, both from Our Home



**FADE TO SILVER.**  
Modern Antique Candle Holder, P379.75, Our Home



2007-2009

# {Classic glam}



**HALF-MOON WONDER.**  
Console Table, price available upon request, a11



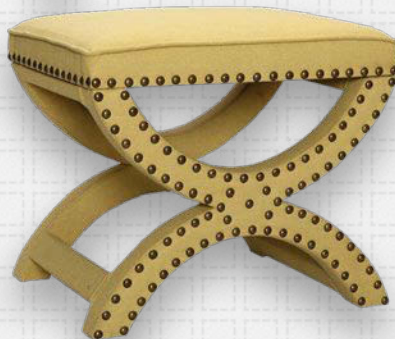
**MINI MACHUKA.**  
Mini Tiles, prices available upon request, all from Malaga Tiles



**HAIL MARY.**  
Maria Accent Chair, P16,000, Home Matters



**LET THERE BE LIGHT!** Lantern, P2,800, Triboba Bay Living



**PLAYING FOOTSIES.**  
Thalia Ottoman, P14,100 Home Matters

**INTERLACING LINES.** Pewter Metal Organizer, P1,499.75, SM Home



**POTHOLED.**  
Pot, find similar at Our Home



**GREEN VS. BLUE.** Blue Throw Pillow, P299.75, AllHome; Green Kidney Pillow, P799.75, Our Home

## WHERE TO BUY:

**A11**  
2680 FB. HARRISON ST.,  
PASAY CITY  
TEL. (02) 832-9972  
EMAIL A.ELEVEN@YAHOO.COM

**ALLHOME**  
STARMALL PRIMA,  
TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 842-7016  
WWW.ALLHOME.COM.PH

**HOME MATTERS**  
222 ORTIGAS AVE.,  
GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-0784  
MOBILE 0917-621-7945  
WWW.HOMEMATTERS.PH

**MALAGA TILES**  
KM 64-65 STA. ROSA-  
TAGAYTAY RD., SILANG,  
CAVITE  
WWW.HABILTILES.COM

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-1943  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**TRIBOBA BAY LIVING**  
G/L LRI DESIGN PLAZA, 210 N.  
GARCIA ST., BEL-AIR II,  
MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 403-6281  
WWW.TRIBOABAY.COM

**TIP** RL'S HOMES DURING THESE YEARS RETURNED TO OLD-WORLD ELEGANCE WITH CLASSICAL FURNITURE FROM MORE THAN A CHAIR AND INTRICATE ACCESSORIES FROM A11. PULL OFF THIS FEMININE STYLE TODAY BY PLACING THESE PIECES AGAINST ACHROMATIC WALLS IN GRAY.



# Cozy Chic Living

Relax in a space where comfort meets elegance



Single Ottoman (Rose), P599.00; At Home Poseidon Vase, P249.75; At Home Hermes Vase, P399.75; 18x18 Cushion Pillow Cover, P129.00 each; Laser Cut Decorative Box, (S) P279.00, (M) P369.00, (L) P529.00; Vintage Clock, P349.00; Tin Crafted Collectible Bus, P995.00

 **Robinsons**  
Department Store





**YELLOW FEVER.**  
Framed Print,  
P629.75, Our  
Home

**PARADE OF COLORS.** Small Rug,  
P3,299.75, L'Indochine



**CHOOSING SIDES.**  
Ethnic Middle East  
Side Table, P7,800,  
Mandaue Foam



**SCALLOPED SYMMETRY.**  
Pillow, P1,199.75, L'Indochine

**SCHOLARLY SEATING.** Dining  
Chair, P53,257.50  
(part of an  
8-seater set),  
Black & White



**TROPICAL TOUCH.**  
Zamiifolia  
Potted Plant,  
P2,000,  
Mandaue  
Foam



**MY THAI.**  
Monkwang  
Triangle Pillow,  
P7,999.75,  
L'Indochine



**RAZZLE TASSEL.**  
Antique  
Floor  
Lamp,  
P5,200,  
Mandaue  
Foam

2003-2006

# {Cool oriental}

**WHERE TO BUY:**

**LINDOCHINE**  
3/L SM AURA PREMIER,  
BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY,  
TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 808-5420  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
SHOPLINDOCHINE

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD.,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
WWW.MANDAUEFOAM.PH

**MATCH**  
WAREHOUSE 1 ID FURNITURE  
DESIGN CENTER, 2100 PASONG  
TAMO EXT., MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 642-9951

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, EDSA CORNER  
JULIA VARGAS AVENUE,  
ORTIGAS CENTER,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-1943  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**TRIBOA BAY LIVING**  
G/L LRI DESIGN PLAZA, 210 N.  
GARCIA ST.,  
MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 403-6281  
WWW.TRIBOABAY.COM



**LANGUID LOUNGING.** Sophia Day  
Bed, P89,161, Triboa Bay Living



**WHITE LOTUS.**  
Caravan  
Treasures  
Wood  
Décor,  
P3,995,  
Our Home

**TIP** IN EARLY RL ISSUES, WHEN FURNITURE STORES WERE LIMITED TO DEPARTMENT STORES AND TIANGGES, TROPICAL-ASIAN STYLE WAS ALL THE RAGE. TODAY, WHEN TRAVELING ASIA, FOREGO THE USUAL TCHOTCHKES AND GET A PRIZED FIND YOU CAN USE AS A FOCAL POINT AT HOME.





**P50 ONLY**

**imarflex**

**Electric Kettle**

when you buy a Turbo Broiler



**P50 ONLY**

**imarflex**

**Coffee Maker**

when you buy a Digital Convection Oven



**FREE**  
3 pieces

**Lifestyle**

**Fitted Sheet**

when you buy any comforter

# DOUBLE DEALS

JULY HOME FAIR



**FREE**

**NIKON TOUGH MAMA**

**Steam Iron**

when you buy a Rechargeable Stand Fan and Desk Fan



**FREE**

**at home**

**Candle Melt**

when you buy any Burner Gift set



**P50**  
for 6 pcs

**Ball**

**Mason or Jelly Jars**

when you buy 6 pcs regular-priced



**P300 OFF**

Home Essentials V-Shape Pillow



**P70 only**

Printed Neck Pillow



**P100 OFF**

Collapsible Bag



**FREE**

Hanabishi Deep Fryer  
when you buy a Hanabishi Professional Mixer



**MEMBERS ONLY**

**PLUS 2X POINTS**

on Home purchases from 10am to 2pm, all Fridays of July

**ENJOY MORE DEALS AND DISCOUNTS  
FROM JULY 1 TO 31, 2015**

Per DTI-FTEB SPD Permit No. 5508 Series of 2015

**Robinsons**  
Department Store





# Space encounters

EVERYDAY PINOY ITEMS  
BECOME THE INSPIRATION  
BEHIND THE NEW  
COLLECTION OF THIS  
POPULAR MID-CENTURY  
MODERN HOME STORE

IN JUST A LITTLE OVER FIVE YEARS, Space Encounters has already made its mark as the go-to shop for mid-century modern style pieces—furniture with thin or tapering legs, comfy wingbacks with ‘60s-era upholstery, and that fluid, Scandinavian aesthetic so reminiscent of the late 1940s to early ‘70s. This time around, the brand departs from their Western-influenced collection and takes inspiration from the minutiae of everyday Pinoy life.

Owned by partners Wilmer Lopez and Thor Balanon, Space Encounters recently launched their “Boring Things” collection, which sprung from a desire to show the extent of what the brand can do. “We wanted to show *kung ano yung* capability *namin* when it comes to craftsmanship, and also to explore the materials that we normally use.” Thor goes into greater detail behind the concept of Boring Things, explaining that the name came out of a

## FACT BOX

photography MICHAEL ANGELO CHUA  
styling DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON  
words CAMYL BESINGA

### SPACE ENCOUNTERS

Unit B Mezzanine, Padilla Condominium Bldg.,  
F. Ortigas Jr. Road,  
Ortigas Center, Pasig City  
Tel. (02) 910-8031  
Mobile 0917-795-6739

**STORE HOURS:** Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from  
Monday to Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on  
Saturday

**PRICE POINTS:** The “hanger,” “kaldero,” and  
“tumbang preso” wallpapers are sold at P150  
per square meter, while furniture pieces like the  
La Mesa is at P65,000. The Metal Bear armchair,  
a new version of the popular Papa and Mama  
Bear armchairs, costs P41,500. The Solihiya chair,  
patterned after the ambassador chair, is sold for  
P28,500. Read & Write, a side table with literal  
pencil legs, goes for P9,500.

**CHALLENGING COMBO:** In exploring their  
capabilities, the design group behind Space  
Encounters decided to combine the use of not  
just two, but three different materials for  
some of their pieces, like wood, metal, and  
upholstery in one arm chair.

**FUN RL TIDBIT:** Space Encounters was first  
featured in *Real Living* in March 2010, and was one  
of the first full-concept home stores of its kind.





Tables



Chairs



Lights



match  
Contract Furniture Inc.

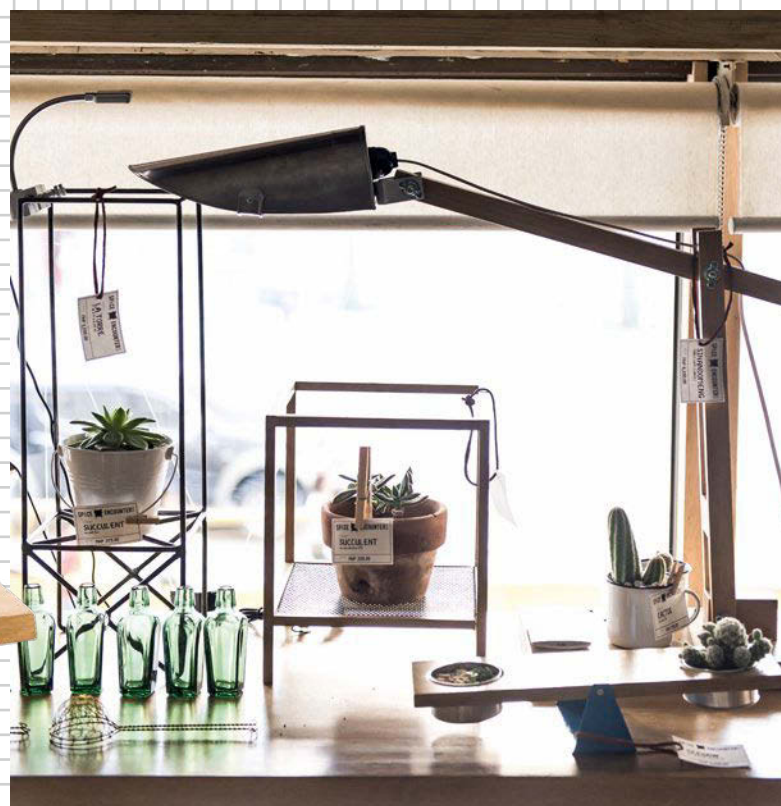




RL's PICK  
"PROTOTOY" BY  
KRIS ABRIGO, PRICE  
AVAILABLE UPON  
REQUEST



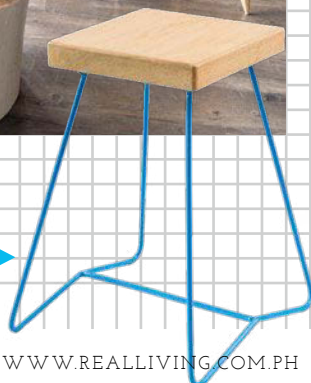
RL's  
PICK  
SEESAW  
PLANTER,  
P1,200



Fans of Space Encounters may still see their classic pieces on sale at the store, such as the Papa Bear and the Mama Bear armchairs. The Metal Bear is another version of the popular armchair, which challenged the team to make a comfortable piece of furniture using three different materials. "Normally, we just use wood and upholstery, but with this one, we added metal," says Wilmer. Thor adds, "It's actually a Papa Bear, but when we saw it in its stripped-down skeletal form, we saw *na maganda siya*. So why don't we make something that kind of hints at what's inside?"



RL's PICK  
SIPA STOOL,  
P6,500



brainstorming session that had them rethinking the things around us that we don't normally notice. "We were trying to understand, as a group, what 'boring things' are, so we isolated the everyday things—that if you take them out of context, they become something else entirely."

One of their exercises was to go to Quiapo to look at the everyday items Filipinos use. "We asked ourselves, 'What can we see there that we can use as peg?' *May nakita kaming mga* hanger, *kaldero*, *tumbang preso*, clothing pins—then we made them into something else, like these wallpaper patterns. These are things *na ini-ignore* mo at home, but *nagkaroon ulit sila ng bagong perspective*."

Other familiar Filipino pieces that they reworked was the recognizable ambassador chair—an item that used to be in almost every Pinoy living room, particularly in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. This they reworked to come up with a more comfortable and updated piece.

The *bangko-bangkito* (or bench) is another example of how Space Encounters has taken a lowly piece of furniture into a coveted, mid-century-inspired item. Wilmer recalls, "We were sitting on a *bangko*, and we said, '*O, parang maganda 'to a, pero hindi pinapansin*.' Why don't we refine

it further? If you notice, *ang mga bangko*, very *ma-kanto*. So we gave it more curved edges, and *nand'un yung* Scandinavian element of making it more fluid, and *hindi siya* massive *tingnan*."

Apart from Pinoy-mid-century furniture, Space Encounters also has mundane items re-imagined into different forms—*balikbayan* box-shaped pen stands, a lamp with a rice scooper for a lampshade, and a side table with Mongol pencil legs. They also collaborated with interior designer Cheska Nolasco, who designed the round and ubiquitous garden chair; and artist Kris Abrigo, who created some of the framed prints for sale at the store. There's also the store's very first toy figure: Bantay, the ever-faithful and loyal Pinoy guard dog. "We wanted Kris to do toys, so he proposed this form. So we said, *pangalanan na nating siyang 'Bantay,' at gawin na rin nating siyang planter at lamp!*" recalls Thor.

One of the reasons the brand has risen to popularity is its ability to create iconic and ergonomic designs. "The challenge is always to go beyond aesthetics," says Thor. "We were very strict about comfort. It may look mid-century, but the ergonomics is different. It should support your back, it should still feel comfortable. That's our selling point."





# Acacia Evolution

## Water Evolution

Inspired by form and simplicity, Acacia Evolution design exhibits soft, thin edges. It is also technologically equipped with a powerful flushing system, anti-bacterial touch-points and other revolutionary enhancements.



### DOUBLE VORTEX

Maximum flushing performance  
Minimum water usage



### RIMLESS

Hygienic and easy to clean



### WATER-SAVING

Uses only 2.6L for half flush  
and 4L for full flush



### PROGUARD

Guards against water stains



### ANTI-BACTERIAL FINISH

Total hygiene protection



### ECO HANDLE FAUCETS

Provides up to 30% energy savings



### AIR-IN TECHNOLOGY

A luxurious shower with  
20% water savings



### CLICK TECHNOLOGY

Prevents water wastage



[www.lixil.com.ph](http://www.lixil.com.ph)

LIXIL Philippines Ltd. Co.  
18F The Pearlbank Centre, 146 Valero St.  
Salcedo Village, Makati City  
Tel. No. +63 2 8933113

*American Standard*





# Colors for You!

MAKE YOUR SPACE YOU, WITH NIPPON PAINT'S DIFFERENT COLOR COLLECTIONS AND SPECIAL EFFECTS PAINT.

Colors can make or break a room. They help establish the overall ambiance, that's why it is important to use the right ones. Choosing a color depends on the function of the room and the personality of its users. With these factors in mind, Nippon Paint brings you various products that are tailored to fit your different color needs.

When jazzing up a wall, you can do more, aside from painting it your favorite color. Nippon Paint Momento Special Effect Paint brings you the Textured Paint Series and Enhancer Series, which you can use to add texture to walls, making them works of art. Instead of using wallpapers, which is more expensive and may peel because of humidity, Nippon Paint Momento Special Effect Paint is more affordable and more suitable to our climate. It is also easier to apply, easy to maintain, long lasting, and eco-friendly.

You can even use the Nippon Paint Momento Special Effect Paint on tiles and ceramic surfaces. Just prep the surface first with Hycote, a water-based epoxy primer for glazed tiles and ceramics. Nippon Paint Hycote has low odor, excellent adhesion, and good leveling. You can also use Hycote for water-based and solvent-based top coats such as Weatherbond, Odour-less AirCare, EA4 Finish, EA9 Finish, and PU Recoatable Finish.

But if you want to simply paint your walls, Nippon Paint has exciting products for you. Nippon Paint's Revo-Evolution, Sacred Love and Just Me palettes feature colors in relaxing blues greens and neutrals, nature-themed colors and playful, cheery hues, respectively—perfect no matter what room in the house, mood, or color scheme you want to get creative with.

## TIPS

**COLOR GOES HAND IN HAND WITH LIGHTING,** since there is no color if there is no light. Study what your lighting does to color. When selecting colors, study both artificial and natural lighting environments.

**OBSERVE COLOR VALUES.** Dark values make a room darker and tend to fit more formal spaces. The use of lighter colors such as pink (a derivative of red), will make a room look lighter, thus more spacious and airy. Middle values usually tend to work well and induce people to stay longer.

**SELECT COLORS BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES,** the function of the room, or if based on historic styles, from period colors. You may also use nature as inspiration for your color choices.

**COORDINATE YOUR COLORS WELL.** Put together swatches of the other elements that you will put in the same room, such as ceiling, wall and floor coverings, upholstery and curtains, etc.

**DISTRIBUTE YOUR COLORS WELL** and consider the overall balance of the color choices you make.



# QUESTIONS

WHAT PAINT COLORS SHOULD I USE TO MAKE MY BEDROOM RELAXING AND SLEEP-INDUCING?

Naturally, people get relaxed when they hear the waves of the ocean, the refreshing effect when water touches their warm face, and when they feel the wind touch their skin. Cool colors such as those in the shades of blues and greens and even neutral colors provide a relaxing atmosphere. Check out Nippon Paints Trend Beyond Colors Revo-evolution collection motivates and inspires.

I LIKE CHANGING MY WALLPAPER WHEN THERE IS A SPECIAL OCCASION, OR AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. IS THERE A PAINT THAT CAN REPLACE WALL PAPER?

Instead of using wallpaper, try the Nippon Paint Textured Paint series. This paint series gives your wall a unique texture through different styles of strokes. Whether you like matte, luxurious textures, a glamorous glow, or a glittery finish, the Textured Paint Series has them in store for you. You can also opt for the Nippon Paint Enhancer Series. This series offers even more exciting effects and textures. Take your pick from the snow-like Frost variants, or the light and dreamy Cloud variants. Both the Textured Paint series and Enhancer series fall under Nippon Paint Momento Special Effect Paint, which is easy to apply, easy to maintain, and easy to remove if you change your mind.



ADVERTISING FEATURE



## NIPPON PAINTS USED AT MY SISTER'S HOUSE:

Dining area accent wall

a. Base color: blue chiffon

b. Glazed over with: clear skies Momento enhancer

Entertainment room

a. Base color: dry bamboo

b. Glazed over with: clear skies Momento enhancer

Kids bedroom

Persian blue, off white paint



For more information on Nippon Paint products, visit [www.nipponpaint.ph](http://www.nipponpaint.ph).





# PHILIPPINE realtyTV

SEASON 13

THE BEST OF PHILIPPINE REAL ESTATE



## INITIAL TELECAST

Sundays 10:00 PM

## REPLAY TELECAST 1

Saturdays 10:30 AM

## REPLAY TELECAST 2

Sundays 10:00 AM



**philippinerealtytv**

HOSTED BY MIRIAM QUIAMBAO, ANTHONY PANGILINAN, AND TESSA PRIETO-VALDES

### PRODUCED BY

**STREETPARK PRODUCTIONS, INC.**  
**philippinerealtytv.com**

T: (+632) 436 3210

M: +63917 813 6674

f /PhilippineRealtyTV

@philrealtytv

g+ PHIL REALTYTV

@PhilRealtyTV

### MEDIA PARTNERS

**BusinessMirror**

A broader look at today's business

**HOME  
IDEAS**

**PHILIPPINE DAILY  
INQUIRER**

**D+C**  
Design and Construction magazine

**HOME IDEAS  
INTERIORS & LIFESTYLES**

**CONSTRUCTION/REINTEGRATING WORLD MAGAZINE  
PILLAR**

**Shelter**  
architecture and design magazine

**ELLE**  
PHILIPPINES  
DECORATION

**INQUIRER Golf**

**realliving**

**SLIVERS**  
Interior Design Engineering Architecture Lifestyle





2015

# 25

CREATIVES  
TO  
WATCH

**THESE PASSIONATE  
INDIVIDUALS  
CONTINUE TO PUSH  
THE ENVELOPE IN THEIR  
RESPECTIVE FIELDS.  
MEET THIS YEAR'S  
CREATIVE MOVERS  
AND SHAKERS, AND BE  
INSPIRED!**

photography CYRUS PANGANIBAN  
pictorial direction NAT M. CLAVE  
sittings editor SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA  
interviews KATHERINE LOPEZ,  
DAGNY MADAMBA, PAULA DE GUZMAN,  
TALA SINGSON, & AJ BUQUID

OPENING PHOTO  
photography & styling JELITO DE LEON



1



**1. JOEL SALAZAR & PAUL BAES**  
Owners and designers,  
*Lucina Home*

Once known as "Tagaytay's secret home store," Lucina has grown since it was featured in last December's *Real Living* as a shop chockfull of delicately beautiful furnishings and vintage-themed accessories. Putting the brand out there was not easy, though. "*Wala kasi sa aming dalawa ang marunong sa graphics, sa image manipulation,*" says co-owner Paul Baes. But if their new branch in Ayala Mall Serin is any indication (and another one in Nuvali is in the works), it's safe to say that the duo's hard work has paid off. Add to that the recognition they get from random customers. "*Di ba you're Lucina? We follow you on Facebook...How much yung sofa niyo?*" is now a common reaction whenever Paul and Joel bump into those who have become fans of the brand. "*Yung narecognize ka, rewarding yun.*" URL: [www.lucina.ph](http://www.lucina.ph)

2



**2. MICO AND NIKKI QUESADA**

Owners, *Decoliving*  
Siblings Mico and Nikki Quesada are two of the many faces behind online store Decoliving, which sells unique and beautifully patterned area rugs not readily available in other local rug stores. Launched in November 2012, Decoliving offers top-quality service to their clients, whether they're homeowners or fellow designers. The duo offers demos on site to make sure that the rug you plan to buy accents your home perfectly. "It's the service we're banking on since our store is online, and it's something we want to change here," says Nikki, an interior designer and a bag designer who spearheads the creative side of the brand. Mico manages the business and sales aspect. "We want our collection to be like fashion, where every season it changes," says Mico and Nikki.

URL: [www.decolivingmanila.com](http://www.decolivingmanila.com)

3



**3. ROBERTA LIMJAP AND ANNA ZAVALLA**

Owners and designers,  
*Raw.Tura*

"It evolves with every collection. We don't really have a specific design," says Anna Zavalla, to which Roberta Limjap agrees, saying: "We want to branch out into other materials." The brains behind the young furniture brand Raw.Tura admit that since they were young, both have been drawn towards art. Pursuing further studies in Europe armed Anna and Roberta with the design know-how needed to put up Raw.Tura. Aside from their own Arts-and-Crafts-feel designs, Anna and Roberta also collaborate with other local artists in the design industry. URL: [www.rawtura.com](http://www.rawtura.com)



**4. TOKWA PEÑAFLORIDA****Artist**

"I don't want to over-romanticize it. *Pero yung nakaka-inspire ka ng ibang tao... kasi lumakas yung loob nila dahil dun sa story ko, 'yun yung pinaka-rewarding,'*" artist Tokwa Peñaflorida says with pride. A graduate of the University of the Philippines-Diliman and hailing from a family of artists, Tokwa has been making his mark in the diverse local art scene. His works—sometimes dreamy, other times dark, sensual, and intriguing—have already graced galleries, Art Fair Philippines, and were featured in an Ayala Foundation campaign. "*Gusto ko mag-focus sa mga advocacies. Magkakaroon ako ng project ngayon with DENR, tapos tina-tap ko rin yung Philippine Psychological Association. Gusto ko tulungan yung cause nila na i-push yung bill na magkaroon ng mental health.*" Apparently for Tokwa, it's not just "art for art's sake".

URL: <http://tokwap.tumblr.com>**5. PATRICK CABRAL****Typographer**

There are a number of calligraphers out there, and then there's Patrick Cabral. Patrick, who simply wanted to "be the guy who does streamers," has indeed come a long way. Influenced by his uncle who was a calligrapher, Patrick pursued his passion relentlessly. So relentless, in fact, that he even posted on Instagram a call-out to collaborate with Hallmark. Three IG posts later, he was announcing that he just sealed the deal. Patrick is also on the lookout for names that have interesting stories to them. The winners' names get rendered in intricate lettering, and their stories shared with Patrick's IG followers. "I try to be more than what I can do," he says, as he ventures into more projects that lets him push the envelope further. Instagram: [@darkgravity](#)

**6. JELITO DE LEON****Photographer**

Jelito was taking pictures since he was in high school. "One of the reasons that I started photography is *yung fun na* you get to capture *yung mga* candid moments with friends," he says. Jelito works as community manager of home and lifestyle store Craftsman Living, but on the side, he shoots food, still life, products, and recently, interiors. He is also building a community of Instagram users in the country. "I wouldn't be here *kung hindi dahil sa* Instagram, so I've been trying to build the community by organizing Instameets, *para* everyone in Instagram sa Philippines... they get to share ideas with Instagram photographers." Instagram [@jelitodeleon](#)



4



5



6





7

**7. ELLA LAMA***Crafter and Doodle Artist*

Ella quit her day job to focus on her craft. She started lettering in 2012, and soon after, she started getting commissioned works. But being a doodle and lettering artist can be quite challenging, especially when it comes to finding her own voice and style. "I find myself jumping from one style to another just to see how far I can take my lettering. *Pero* I made peace with the fact that *yung magiging connecting thread ng work ko* is that I made them." Ella illustrates inspirational quotes through lettering not just to uplift her spirits but also other people's. "I want to provide some sort of inspiration, *kahit* brief moment *lang na mapa-smile sila*." Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EllaDoodles](https://www.facebook.com/EllaDoodles)

**8. MARIEL SAN AUGUSTIN***Owner, Domesticity*

Mariel used to work as merchandising manager for a home and lifestyle brand, and this made her a frequent visitor of Manila FAME in the late '90s. "During that time, they were so strict, they weren't even entertaining local buyers and they would just really focus their attention on foreigners," she says. This prompted her to start her own business. Now 13 years old, Domesticity not only produces charming home wares such as woven trays and boxes, chalkboard-label jars, and wire baskets, but it has also become "a social enterprise." The brand works with a Gawad Kalinga community in San Carlos, Cebu City, and helps provide additional source of income for some of the locals in Negros Occidental, where her family is from. "Aside from employment, we also fund community-based programs for the villages. For every purchase of Domesticity, a part of that goes back to the people manufacturing the products." URL: [www.mydomesticity.com](http://www.mydomesticity.com)

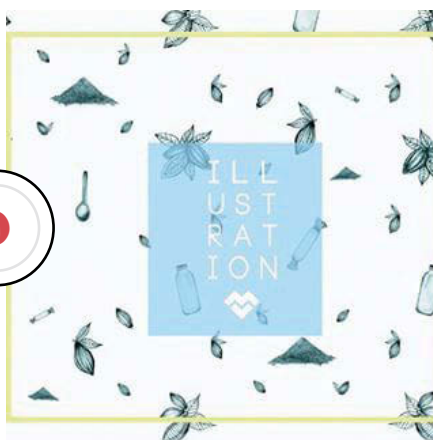
**9. MINA LAMPITOC***Graphic designer/Illustrator/Photographer*

Coming from a family of artists, Mina Lampitoc didn't fall far from the proverbial apple tree, so it was but natural that she started illustrating since she was a child. A fresh graduate of Fine Arts (major in Advertising) from Holy Spirit, Mina hones her own style by combining her hobbies and interests like photography and watercolor illustration in her artworks. She recently showcased some of her works in an exhibit, and she also conducted a workshop together with her friends. "*Lahat tina-try ko. I never stop learning*," Mina says. She also plans to do charcoal illustration and future collaborations with other artists. URL: [www.behance.net/minalampitoc](https://www.behance.net/minalampitoc)

8



9





**10. GINO BUEZA****Artist**

Gino first started joining art competitions and group exhibitions while taking up Studio Arts at the College of Fine Arts in the University of the Philippines-Diliman, where his creative focus was Painting. In 2007, he won the grand prize in the 40th Shell Students' Art Competition Oil and Acrylic Category. But his budding career in the art scene took a backseat when he went on hiatus for three years. Meeting artist Rodel Tapaya spurred Gino to artist press on, especially when the former showed Gino his studio and mentored him. This proved pivotal in Gino's career. And since 2013, he's been actively joining group shows—one was even held in Singapore—and has had five solo art exhibits in different art galleries.

URL: [ginobueza.tumblr.com](http://ginobueza.tumblr.com)

**11. CHINO JAYME, MELISSA OROZCO, AND KAITY CHUA****Owners, The Wareshop**

Wareshop is the brainchild of creative friends Kaity, Chino, and Melissa, all of whom have backgrounds in advertising. The online store, which was launched last year, is also visible in bazaars. Wareshop's one-of-a-kind tableware, with designs that are part quirky and part vintage, make for impressive entertaining pieces. Plates, serving dishes, bowls, and vintage flasks imprinted with vintage-style flora and fauna, storybook illustrations, and skeletons can be whimsically mixed and matched. And while the brand is just over a year old, it has already come up with four collections. To keep things always fresh, Wareshop plans to collaborate with local artists for future products. URL: [www.thewareshop.com](http://www.thewareshop.com)

**12. IVY TABLANTE-DARILAG****Principal Architect, Structura Architects**

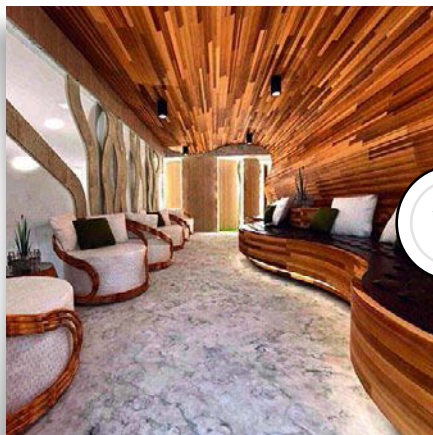
It's her love for design, math, and planning that drove Ivy to pursue and continuously work on her career as an architect. While juggling her time between managing her own architectural firm, Structura, Ivy was able to finish her master's degree in the said field, majoring in Community Architecture. "It's rewarding *din kasi* you're around thinkers most of the time, so you're aware of the developments, you keep up with what's going on," says Ivy. Aside from their usual residential and commercial projects, Ivy's team has also lent their expertise to *Real Living Makeovers* (March 2014 and June 2015 issues). As her firm celebrates its ninth year in the industry, Ivy and her team look forward to taking on more urban planning and development projects in the near future. URL: [www.structuraarchitects.com](http://www.structuraarchitects.com)



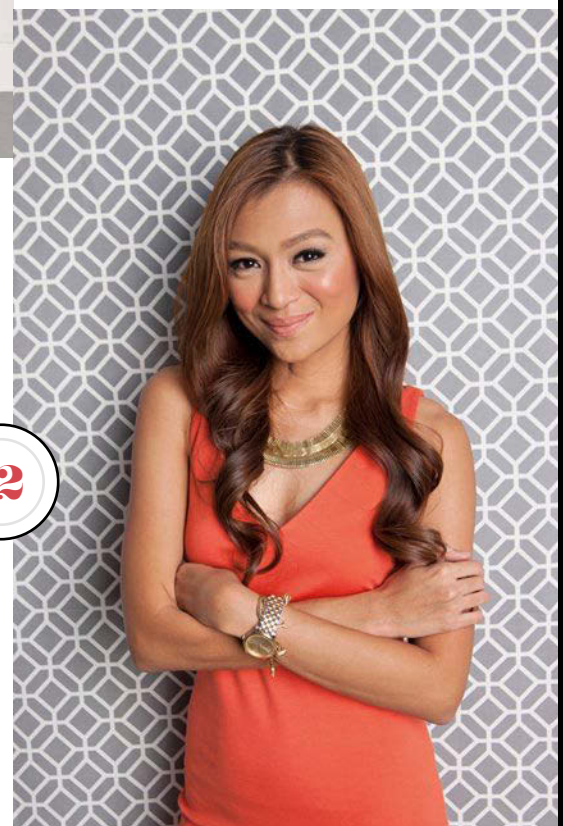
10



11



12





13

**13. JAMIE CATT***Illustrator*

One look at her portfolio and you know that Jamie isn't just any other one-trick-pony artist. This 20-year-old, Manila-based illustrator's bold strokes and vivid colors stand out in a sea of watercolor creations. Jamie's works have already been featured in various online and print publications. "I'm more inspired by nature and animals, and ever since I was a kid, I was an animal lover—dogs, turtles, even parrots and tarsiers!" she happily narrates. Getting the motivation to finish her whimsical and dreamy works can be daunting, especially when inspiration is running dry. But this young artist is ready to face the challenge. "I love what I'm doing, and this is what I'm passionate about," she says. URL: [www.jamiecatt.com](http://www.jamiecatt.com)

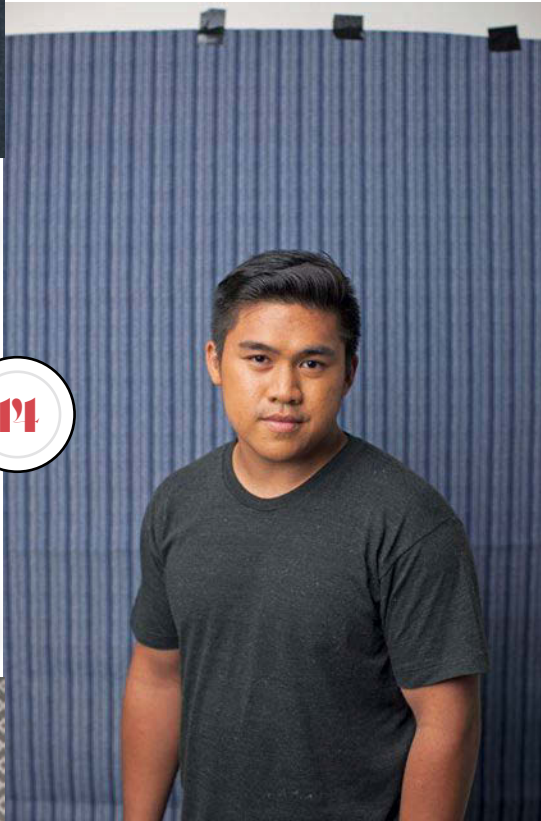
**14. PACO PILI***Upcyclist*

A penchant for carpentry and constant tinkering in the garage had Paco putting a different spin on ordinary items. "Yung daddy ko and yung lolo ko, mahilig silang magbutingting sa garahe, at namana ko yun." Vintage with just the right degree of quirk best describes his works, which include a tire that looks like an egg, legs of a bench with shoes, and boom boxes made of luggage. No two items are alike, since all are repurposed and customized. "Hone your craft, collaborate with other artists, and join bazaars. Different clients have different specifications, kaya siyempre iba naman hindi ko pa alam masyado, so talagang inaaral ko," Paco says. URL: [upcycleph.tumblr.com](http://upcycleph.tumblr.com)

**15. JACY GAMBOA AND MARIE GUTIERREZ***Owners, Luona Concept Store*

There's a sense of serenity in Luona's website: the clean palette of gray, white, and beige perfectly complements the online store's well-curated offerings. "After so many projects here and there—Zen, Asian—I felt like I really wanted my design to concentrate more on what I like," says architect Jacy Gamboa on Luona's specific style. Good thing her cousin Marie Gutierrez, who helps with the branding, shares the same aesthetic. Ceramic ware in organic silhouettes, pillows in muted colors, and furniture pieces that evoke rustic charm—these are all products of local artisans that Marie and Jacy are proud to be collaborating with. The duo already has plans of growing Luona to include novelty items for kids that are still in keeping with the "form meets function philosophy." URL: [www.luonaconceptstore.com](http://www.luonaconceptstore.com)

14



15





**16. MARGA ESPIRITU AND VERNICE SONGCO**

*Owners and Designers, Bungalow 300*

Bungalow 300 started with Marga and Vernice's love for restoring vintage furniture, which eventually led to manufacturing their own pieces. Prior to its Alabang store, the brand's humble beginnings can be traced back to 2009 when it was just a pop-up shop. Bungalow 300 showcases pretty prints, fresh home scents, and unfussy accents that all create a welcoming abode. Original designs and pieces sourced from local designers cater to a clientele who love home decorating and entertaining. "Most of our pieces are storied. There's no run-of-the-mill furniture piece," Marga proudly says. Although coming up with new things can be quite a challenge, "it's just as rewarding when people understand our vision for their home," says Vernice.

URL: [www.bungalow300.com](http://www.bungalow300.com)

**17. RACHEL HALILI**

*Collage Artist*

At a young age, Rachel already enjoyed making collages with cutouts from her grandparents' magazines. She took an interest in photography and in exploring places. "Every time I travel, I bring my camera." From there, she made digital collages of her trips and recognized her passion for it. "*Kasi isang tingin lang, kita mo na yung adventure mo...* you don't have to browse through one hundred photos to know what happened." Showcasing her works is a planner that Rachel and friend Ayen dela Torre created. "We like encouraging people to travel more, to see more of the Philippines *kasi nga sobrang ganda ng Philippines.*"

Instagram: @rachelhalili,

@wtn\_whereonnext

**18. CHARISSE TUGADE**

*Owner, The Manila Collectible Co.*

"We want to enhance the visitors' experience," says Charisse. "I am always searching for my roots, and I realize that there's so much that we don't know about our history before 1521." The store, which was originally located behind Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, now has its new home in historic Fort Santiago. More than just a souvenir shop, The Manila Collectible Co. is also an organizer of field trips, painting for kids, and heritage talks, among other cultural endeavors. "The most challenging aspect is also the most rewarding. We are able to educate people about our history. We can still do more in educating our kids as they have fun in the process," Charisse says. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/manilacollectible](http://www.facebook.com/manilacollectible)



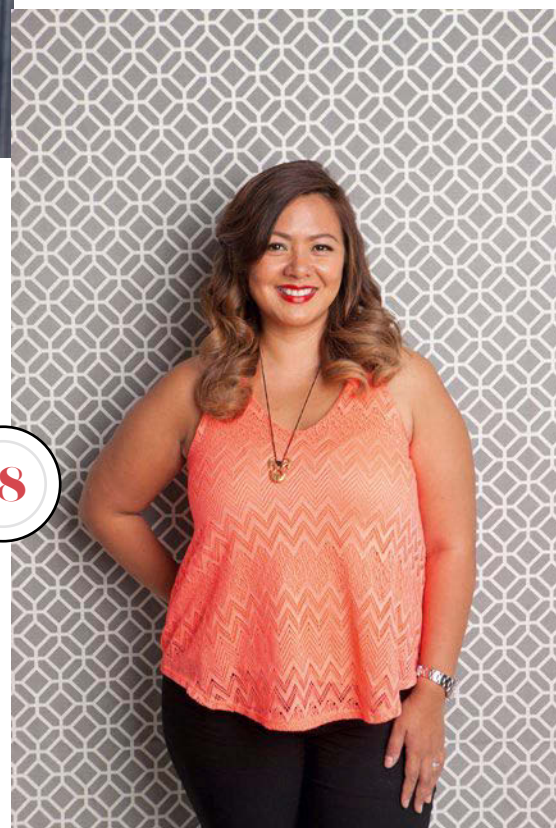
16



17

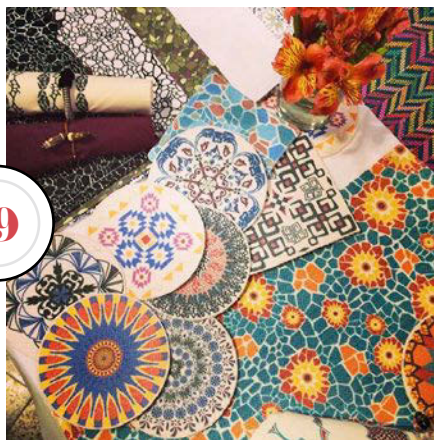


18





19

**19. KYLA OLIVES***Creative Director, The Olive Tree*

The Olive Tree started in the early 2000s as an outlet for Kyla's family's linen business. After graduating from college, Kyla focused on product development, bringing in a younger, more artistic spirit into their merchandise. "I also work closely with a graphic designer. It's really a collaboration—the ideas, the whole collection in general, it comes from me, and then he sort of brings all my ideas to life." Their latest linen and pillow collection, *Seramika*, is a fruit of this partnership. Intricate designs of ceramic ware from different exotic countries such as Peru, Greece, and Turkey are translated into cool, ingenious patterns for linens. There are plans to open a showroom in the future, but at present, The Olive Tree retails in bazaars around the metro. *Instagram: @livethelinendream*

**20. JOSEPH RASTRULLO***Furniture Designer, Rastrullo Design Studio*

Joseph knew early on that he wanted to be in the design industry, but his passion grew exponentially when he started his apprenticeship with renowned furniture and interior designer Budji Layug. "I was in college when I just approached him in church and asked if he could be my mentor. Then, he accepted me. So until now, he's been mentoring me," narrates Joseph. He put up his own practice in 2013, and exhibited in Manila FAME soon after. Finding his identity amidst the growing industry of furniture design is something that Joseph has been working on. This constant struggle results in beautifully exaggerated lines, points, and sharp edges—a signature that is slowly becoming his. *Instagram: @jrastrullo, @rastrulldesign*

**21. MISTY FLORO AND PAI EDLES**

*Interior Designers, Morfosis Design* principals Pai Edles and Misty Floro both graduated from the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID), but prior to establishing the multidisciplinary design firm Morfosis two years ago, they first had their training from different companies. Now, the firm oversees a growing number of junior designers. According to Misty, their aim is not limited to designing beautiful spaces; they also want to help their clients succeed in their business through meaningful design. The team is currently working on a lot of commercial and office spaces aside from occasional residential projects (see one of their condo projects in this issue). Soon, they plan to move in to a bigger office that will also house a lifestyle store. *URL: www.mistyfloro.com*

20



21





**22. JUSTIN UY**

*President, ADA Nature Aquariums*

Justin grew up with aquariums, and naturally, he became enamored with them. Those that are organically designed fascinated him most. In Hong Kong, where Justin spent his college years, "all the fish stores would feature Aqua Design Amano. It was known to be the best brand of aquariums," he recalls. Fast-forward to a couple of years later, Justin introduced the Japanese brand to the Philippines. "Everyone would think of aquariums to be very dirty, high maintenance. So we're trying to educate Filipinos that a properly set up aquarium won't be as hard to maintain and, at the same time, freshwater aquariums can be even more beautiful than saltwater aquariums." It delights him when clients call to say that the aquarium was the star of the show in their home or establishment. "That really says something, because before, aquariums weren't really seen as a form of art," Justin says candidly. *Instagram: @adaphilippines*

**23. BENJAMIN ABESAMIS, CORINNE SERRANO, AND MIKE PARKER**

*Partners and Designers, And A Half Design Studio*

From a unique partnership between a professor and his former students, And a Half Design Studio started creating remarkable branding that caters to restaurants, hotels, real estate, government agencies, and even local tourism. The team finds their craft a dynamic collaboration, especially in balancing creativity and managing the studio. "We love what we do, but at the end of the day, it's still a business," Corinne, Benjamin, and Mike agree. Aside from collaborating with their clients, the team looks forward to partnering with an NGO with their "Helping Half," a year-long project that aims to help NGOs to better further their cause. *URL: and-a-half.ph*

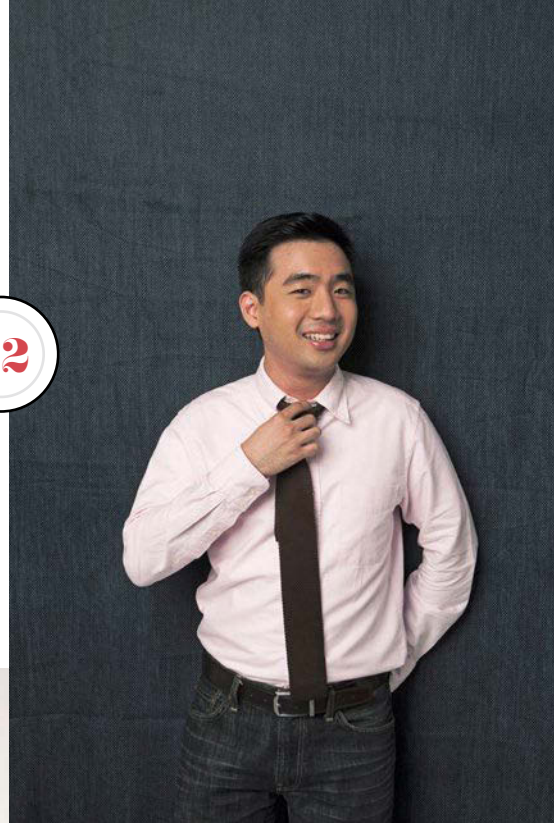
**24. KATT SAN JUAN**

*Photographer*

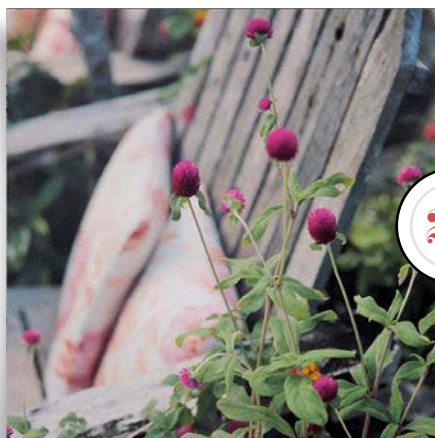
This wedding photographer and the brains behind the popular "The Daykeeper" journal knows how it is to be an inspiration to others. "It's really about being yourself, pursuing your dreams, finding out who you really are. Every time I see something beautiful, I just try my best to give it the justice it deserves." There's always something dreamy about Katt's aesthetics. "I try to get my work as largely inspired by nature. More than anything, it's an attempt to capture the art of the real artist, who is God, our creator," she muses. *URL: http://katrinaandthegreatworld.tumblr.com*



22



23



24





25

**25. GINO ERAÑA***Interior Designer*

"Immediately, I knew I wanted a design or visual artistic kind of career," opens Gino, winner of Avida's Open House project. He initially took up Architecture in the University of the Philippines-Diliman, but a visual presentation of beautiful interiors in one of his classes changed his mind. "So I made the shift immediately." He's been under the wing of Abode & Co. principal designer Kristine Neri-Magturo for over a year and a half now. "The process can be quite tedious and long, but I find that the challenge is worth it because you always end up with something the client is really happy about." For the Open House project, Gino faced off with Jane Samson and Joevie Tuquib, who are being mentored by Hannah Acab-Faustino and John Vigilia, respectively. Email: gino@urbanabodemanila.com

**DIRECTORY****ARCHITECTS & DESIGNERS**

IVY TABLANTE-DARILAG  
STRUCTURA ARCHITECTS  
Tel. (02) 949-7285  
Mobile 0915-502-3247  
Email structuraarchitects@yahoo.com,  
info@structuraarchitects.com  
URL: www.structuraarchitects.com

PAI EDLES & MISTY FLORO  
MORFOSIS INTERIOR DESIGN AND  
CREATIVE DIRECTION  
Mobile 0917-830-6478  
Email mistyfloro@gmail.com  
URL: www.morfosis.ph

JOSEPH RASTRULLO  
Tel. (02) 544-0153  
Email design@rastrullo.com  
URL: www.rastrullo.com

GINO ERAÑA  
Email gino@urbanabodemanila.com

JANE SAMSON  
Email: samsonjane0629@yahoo.com

JOEVIE TUQUIB  
Email: drewtuquib@yahoo.com

**ARTISTS & GRAPHIC DESIGNERS**

GINO BUEZA  
Mobile 0905-409-7127  
Email ginolibrebueza@gmail.com

PATRICK CABRAL  
Email peacabral@gmail.com

JAMIE CATT  
Email hello@jaimiecatt.com  
URL: http://jaimiecatt.com/

RACHEL HALILI  
Email rachelhalili@yahoo.com  
URL: www.rachelhalili.com

ELLA LAMA  
Mobile 0906-453-3552  
Facebook www.facebook.com/ellalama

MINA LAMPITOC  
Mobile 0915-788-0082  
Email iamminalpitoc@gmail.com

TOKWA PEÑAFLORIDA  
Email tokwa.penaflorida@gmail.com

PACO PILI  
Mobile 0917-948-1059  
Email pacothepicker@gmail.com

**STORE OWNERS**

JOEL SALAZAR & PAUL BAES  
LUCINA  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/  
LucinaHome  
URL: www.lucina.ph

VERNICE SONGCO & MARGA  
ESPIRITU  
BUNGALOW300  
Email bungalow300@gmail.com  
URL: www.bungalow300.com

MICO & NIKKI QUESADA  
DECOLIVING MANILA  
Tel. (02) 211-7571  
Mobile 0917-833-1703  
Email decolivingmanila@gmail.com  
URL: www.decolivingmanila.com

MARIEL SAN AGUSTIN  
DOMESTICITY  
URL: www.mydomesticity.com  
Email: inquiry@mydomesticity.com  
Facebook www.facebook.com/  
MyDomesticityPH

JACY GAMBOA & MARIE GUTIERREZ  
LUONA CONCEPT STORE  
URL: www.luonaconceptstore.com

CHARISSE TUGADE  
THE MANILA COLLECTIBLE CO.  
Fort Santiago, Sta. Clara St.,  
Intramuros, Manila  
Email tmccfun@gmail.com,  
info@manilacollectible.com  
Facebook www.facebook.com/  
manilacollectible

KYLA OLIVES  
THE OLIVE TREE  
URL: theolivetreeph.com

JUSTIN UY  
ADA AQUARIUMS  
Mobile 0915-539-9762  
Email justin.uy@adana.com.ph

KAITY CHUA, CHINO JAYME,  
AND MELISSA OROZCO  
WARESHOP  
URL: www.thewareshop.com

ANNA ZAVALLA & ROBERTA LIMJAP  
RAW.TURA  
Facebook www.facebook.com/rawtura  
URL: rawtura.com

**PHOTOGRAPHERS**

JELITO DE LEON  
Email hello@jelitodeleon.com

KATT SAN JUAN  
Email kattsanjuan@yahoo.com.ph

**BRANDING**

CORINNE SERANO,  
BENJAMIN ABESAMIS,  
AND MIKE PARKER  
AND A HALF DESIGN STUDIO  
Tel. (02) 632-7495  
Mobile 0917-813-4751  
Email design@and-a-half.ph  
URL: www.and-a-half.ph





## WHO WILL JOIN THE ELITE LIST OF UP AND COMING CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS?



Avida, in celebration of its 25th year, partnered with Real Living for a special design event showcasing the work of experienced and fast-rising interior designers. 25 millenials partnered with seasoned designers to mark Avida's 25 years of looking forward in the realm of real estate. Jointly judged by Avida and Real Living, the spaces were rated based on originality, visual impact, and use of resources based on a Modern Scandinavian theme. In the next few pages, get to know the winning tandem, their unique designs, and the protégé who is set to join the magazine's 2015 It List seen in the next pages.





# INSPIRED CREATIONS

A bespoke style featuring clean lines and subtle accents proves to be the winning ingredient in creating a restful sanctuary.



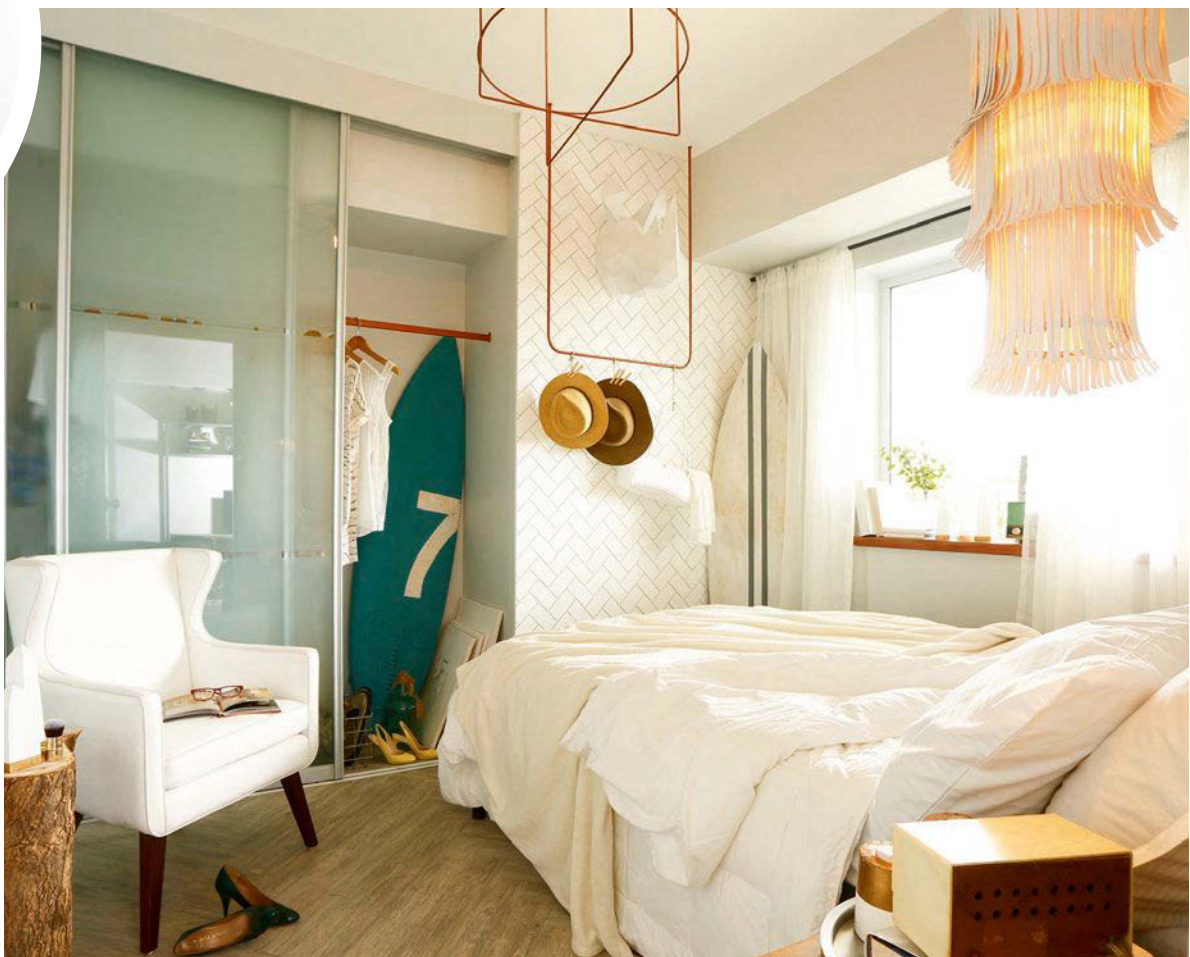
THE WINNING TANDEM!

**KRISTINE NERI-MAGTURO + GINO ERAÑA**

**T**he winning tandem of Kristine and Gino created a restful space found to be most consistent with the modern, vibrant, and dynamic characteristics of Avida's home interiors. Recognizing the need for elegant simplicity, Kristine and Gino achieved their goal of bringing the outdoors in, while opting for clean lines and subtle accents.

This bedroom in Vertis North gives off a laid-back, restful vibe, thanks to the use of white in varying textures and in soft tones of Nippon paint. The space has a pristine look, yet it remains inviting enough to make you want to lounge on the bed or sit comfortably on the accent chair after a long day outdoors. Wooden accents such as surfboards and paddleboards create a beach-y feel, creating the atmosphere of a bed and breakfast by the sea. Vintage pieces add a rustic charm to the space, livened up by the subtle patterns on the headboard plus its copper accents.

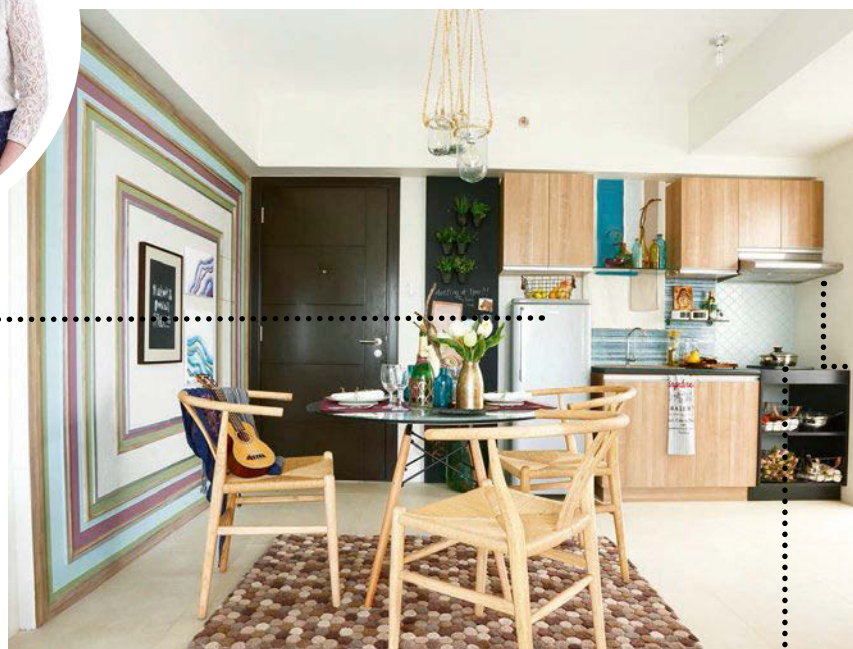
Kristine and Gino successfully combined their respective design sensibilities to give the bedroom an understated yet luxe ambiance. Kristine's preference for bespoke designs fused with Gino's pseudo-industrial style proved to be the winning formula in creating this restful sanctuary.







## HANNAH ACAB FAUSTINO + JANE KARLA SAMSON



Hannah and Jane's design for the kitchen and dining areas showcases soothing hues courtesy of Nippon Paint, and playful combinations of different materials. While the space remains functional, it also offers an engaging atmosphere through the use of intriguing accents, such as this Decoliving area rug.



The **ELECTROLUX SINGLE DOOR REFRIGERATOR** adds to the functionality of the space with its intelligent cooling and energy-saving features.



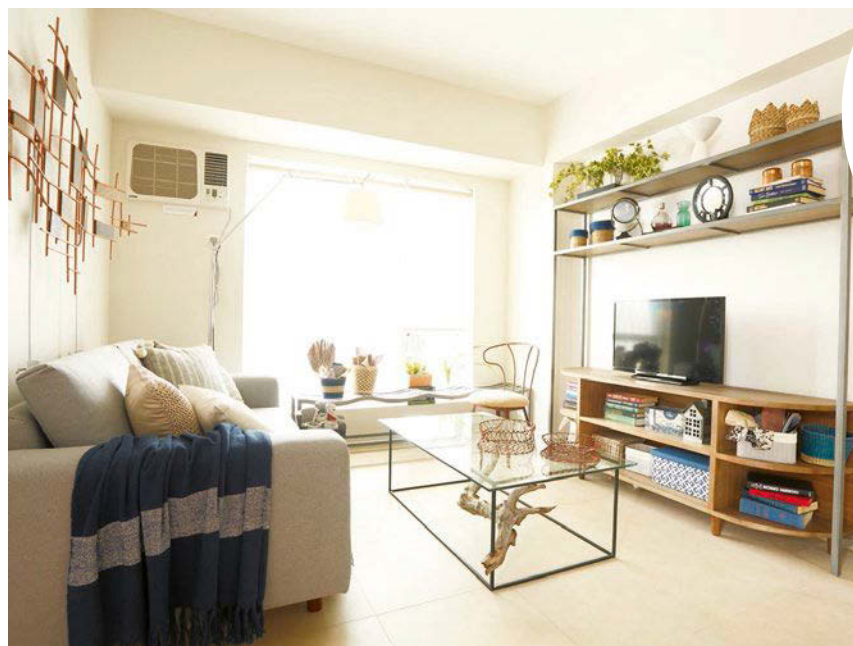
Add an **ELECTROLUX PORTABLE INDUCTION COOKER** to the mix and you've got a kitchen area that's not only practical but stylish as well.



Check out the **ELECTROLUX SLIM-TYPE RANGE HOOD** – a space-saving solution to getting rid of nasty kitchen smells.

## JOHN VIGILIA + JOEVIE ANDREW TUQUIB

John and Joevie created a distinct look for the living room by mixing up modern elements with pieces that remind us of the home we grew up in. Functionality is a key characteristic of their design, as seen in the entertainment center, which also provides extra storage space. A contemporary art piece draws attention to one side of the wall to boost the living area's modern vibe.



Electrolux



CREATE A VIBRANT LIFE HERE



# Avida Towers

## Asten

3-A-1 34 MALUGAY ST., BRGY. SAN ANTONIO, MAKATI CITY

AVIDA TOWERS ASTEN is a high-rise residential condominium located in West Makati.

Here, everyday living resonates with a distinct life, color and inspiration, affecting its residents with a unique lifestyle vibe that captures their interests and aspirations.

(02) 848-5200 • [avidaland.com](http://avidaland.com) •    [avidalandph](https://www.instagram.com/avidalandph)

LTS No. 029216 (Tower 1) • LTS No. 029305 (Tower 2)

TOWER 1 COMPLETION DATE : JUNE 2017 • TOWER 2 COMPLETION DATE : DECEMBER 2017

AD APPROVAL NO. AA-NCR-15-03-008



# GET *inspired*



DÉCOR IDEAS



ORGANIZE IT



PLACES

This issue is packed with inspiration. Pore over pages of well-designed, commercial and hospitality establishments and learn how to steal the look for your own home. Also, score some organizing tips using twelve must-have storage pieces.

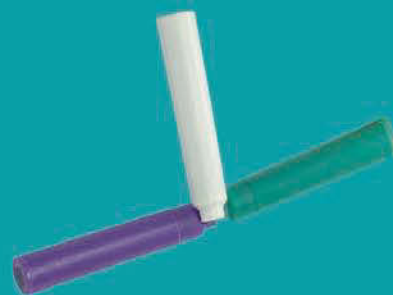


photography KURT ALVAREZ (DOMICILLO)



# Air

MIX AND MATCH!



**ONLINE**®  
Germany

Available in National Book Store Glorietta, Shangri-la Plaza Mall, TriNoma, and SM Megamall, and in Powerbooks, Greenbelt 4.

*National*®  
Book Store

Shop online at [www.nationalbookstore.com](http://www.nationalbookstore.com)    @nbsalert

Hotline: 8888-NBS (627) | Within Metro Manila • 1-800-10-8888-NBS (627) | Outside Metro Manila

Mobile: 0998-8888-NBS (627) • 0917-8747-269

E-mail: [customerservice@nationalbookstore.com.ph](mailto:customerservice@nationalbookstore.com.ph) • Hotline operating hours: 8 AM to 10 PM, Monday to Sunday



# ROOMS FOR INSPIRATION

Have you ever entered a resto or hotel and thought: I want to live here? Well, these establishments not only have great food and service—they also take interior design seriously. So dine, relax, and be inspired!

*photography* KURT ALVAREZ & MICHAEL ANGELO CHUA

*styling* DAGNY MADAMBA, TALA SINGSON & PAULA DE GUZMAN

*words* SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA & KATHERINE LOPEZ







## DOMICILLO: A DESIGNER PARADISE

Domicillo Design Hotel, which opened its doors last December 2014, commands a postcard-perfect view of Taal Lake. But the new bed-and-breakfast has more than just fantastic scenery to offer. "I think we're the first design hotel in Tagaytay," says owner Rene Alcala. Indeed, Domicillo takes pride in its design—an elegant tropical style that blends in with its environment. Stone, wood, and greenery feature in every corner, while the eight rooms boast designer interiors. Designer Tes Pasola created three rooms facing the garden on the second level, as evident in her signature use of recycled paper as headboards. Two rooms are by minimalist master Milo Naval—clean lines of wood accents juxtaposed with industrial elements. Meanwhile, the premier rooms on the third level, which showcase a Zen-tropical design, are by iconic designer Budji Layug, who also took charge of designing the rest of the place. "When guests tell you they want to come back, that's rewarding," says Rene. And who wouldn't want to come back to a paradise like this?

**Address:** Km 58 General Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Maharlika East, Tagaytay City  
**Tel.** (046) 413-3552  
**Mobile:** 0922-884-1532

### GET THE DESIGNER HOTEL LOOK:

You may not have a view of the Taal Lake, but you can easily achieve the same subdued tropical style. Stick to a neutral palette of light gray and beige, then go for clean-lined wood furniture. Use a handful of abstract art as color accents. For small décor items, choose those that are made of natural materials.

### MUST-KNOW:

Fancy something you saw in Domicillo—a mosaic mirrored cabinet perhaps? Feel free to inquire, as Domicillo also customizes furniture pieces.

### (opposite page)

The minimalist style perfectly suits Aozora Japanese Café + Bistro, one of the two restaurants in Domicillo. The rooms, lobbies, and lounge area all sport minimal accessories set against organic elements like wood and cement.

## Key Pieces



**FRESH TROPICS.** To-a-te Bent Accent Chair, P40,00, KISH



**SLEEPS WITH BUTTERFLIES.** "Organicalibration" by Aner Sebastian, Galerie Astra



**PAPER PLAY.** Hanging Lamp, P6,460, Rustan's Department Store



**KEEP IT SLIM.** 123ICK Coffee Table, price available upon request, More Than a Chair









## BAG OF BEANS: COUNTRY CHARM

Bag of Beans's newest branch in Twin Lakes, Tagaytay gets an update. From the signature rustic interiors of its two original branches, the two-story café that sits atop a ridge overlooking Taal Volcano sports a bright and cheery country design. "After meeting with the Megaworld folks [the developer of Twin Lakes], they mentioned they wanted a somewhat Shabby Chic-rustic theme, something we also like," recalls owner Antonio Jose, who then enlisted the help of Joel Salazar and Paul Baes of Lucina Home (see p. 32). Comfort food is complemented by chic, country pieces. The first level is awash in distressed whites, with pops of pastels here and there. Meanwhile, the second floor downstairs is reminiscent of the restaurant's moody, rustic look punctuated with more color and quirky accents. "We like the use of recycled wood—*mga* ninety percent—from old houses," says Joel. With the charming elements in this new Bag of Beans, dining here is definitely an experience to look forward to. **Address:** Twin Lakes, Tagaytay-Nasugbu Highway, Alfonso, Cavite

### GET THE COZY COUNTRY LOOK:

Heed Joel's advice in coping this look: "*Kailangan* muted colors—*walang* primaries, *walang* brights, *walang* black." Sticking to these colors ensures that the pieces will age well over time. "*Nag-stick kami sa* country pieces, and we made sure *na* comfortable *yung* pieces," he adds, to which Paul says, "And pieces that would reflect something from the past." As for the background, Paul recommends the use of "browns, grays, and off-whites. With those three, captured *mo na yung* look."

### MUST-KNOW:

Can't get enough of the new look of Bag of Beans? Paul and Joel reveal that the original branch is also undergoing a makeover to sport a look similar to the Twin Lakes branch.

**(opposite page)** Distressed white finishes, Windsor chairs, and dainty details lord over the first level of the resto, where shelves of freshly baked bread and packs of coffee are on display. Meanwhile, the dining area downstairs is awash in more colors and warm wood accents.

## Key Pieces



WHITE WASH. Metal Windsor Chair, P4,800, Lucina



MAGIC SHROOM. Ceramic Mushroom, P1,200, Lucina



SECRET GARDEN. Handpainted Side Table, P6,900, Lucina



GROWING LIGHT. Floor Lamp, P4,130, Mandaue Foam









## UNIT 27: A RESTO-PUB OF MANY LAYERS

When owner Francis Flores sought the help of Wilmer Lopez of WLOpez Designs, the former knew exactly what he wanted his resto bar to look and feel like. “Unit 27 Apartment Bar + Café was envisioned by Francis as a cozy brunch place when the sun is up, and it converts into a trendy club at night,” recalls Wilmer. To achieve this, Wilmer used different kinds of mood lighting, and he planned the spaces to cater to both diners and pub-goers. On the third level, a brick wall offsets geometric patterns rendered in mixed materials, while comfy black seats complement marble-top tables. Of course, Wilmer’s mid-century modern style signature is present, and is more apparent on the ground level of the establishment. Furniture pieces were all sourced from Space Encounters. “The mezzanine area connects the ground and the top floor,” says the designer. “This is where all the design can be seen... It’s an example of fluid design. It divides the space without sacrificing functionality.” With its well-thought-of design and impressive décor, Unit 27 will no doubt be a crowd favorite. Address: Icon Plaza, 5th Avenue Corner 25th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

### GET THE INDUSTRIAL PUB LOOK:

Achieve this cool pub ambiance by using the same geometric accents on walls or ceilings. Wall washers provide perfect mood lighting, but don’t forget direct lighting for general dining. Wilmer encourages the use of “personalized typography posters or artworks, which break the space of a wide wall, immediately adding personality.”

### MUST-KNOW:

The eye-catching sculptural piece above the brick wall on the third floor (seen at left) is a collaboration between Unit 27 and Converse.

### (opposite page)

The gold, geometric accent above the bar is by artist Leeroy New, who has a penchant for unconventional forms. Downstairs are more dining spots. Popular pieces from Space Encounters can be found throughout the restaurant.

## Key Pieces



INDUSTRIAL COFFEE TABLE. P17,500, ID Furniture



PAPA BEAR ARMCHAIR. P38,400, Space Encounters

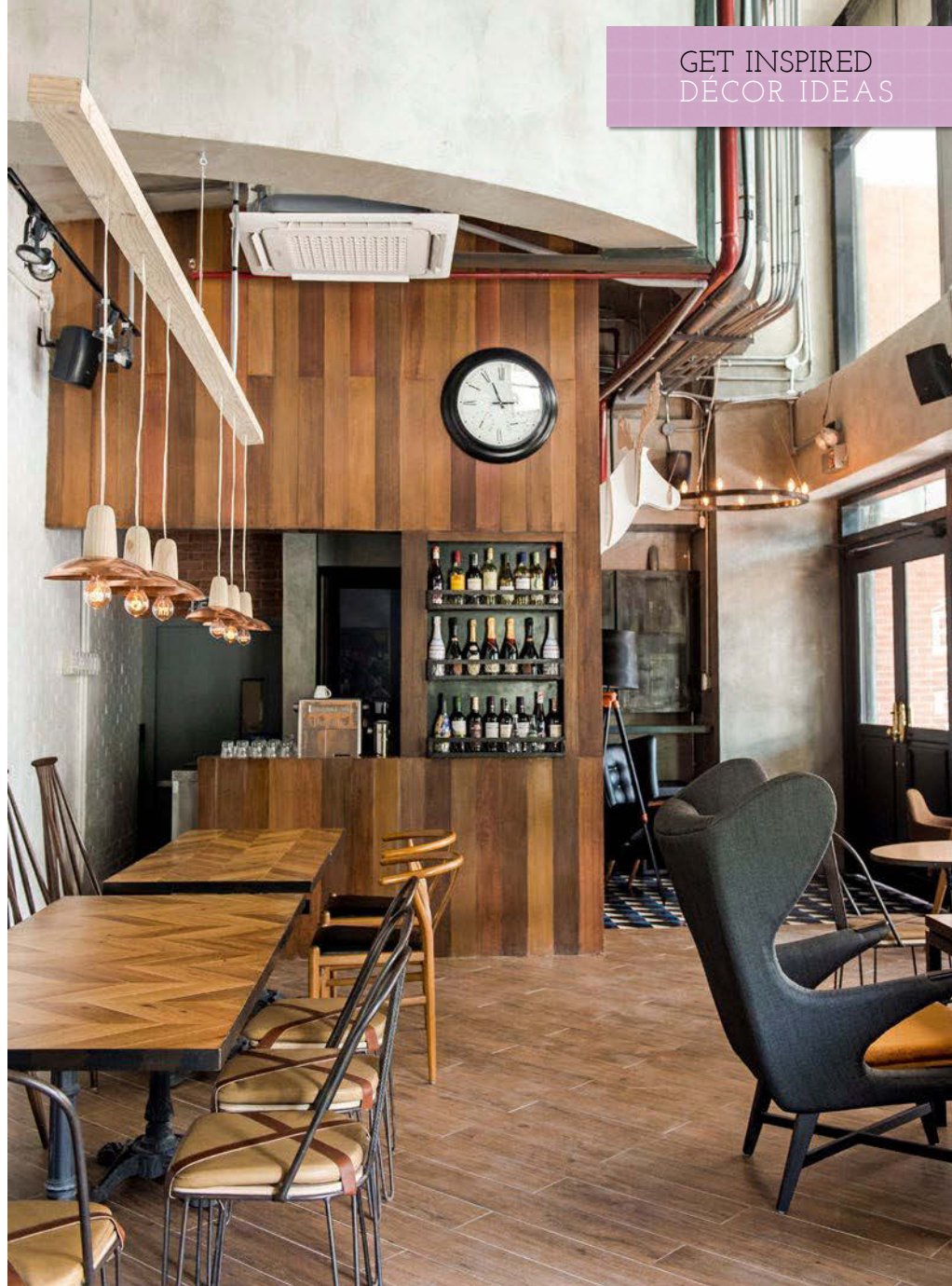


WHITE AND COPPER INDUSTRIAL LAMP. price available upon request, Match



HOLED ON SIDE CHAIR. P14,000, Space Encounters









## AZUMI: CHIC HAMPTON STYLE

Azumi Boutique Hotel is owned by Filipino-Chinese entrepreneurs and is managed by Hospitality Innovators, Inc. This 16-story establishment opened in January 2014 and has 186 rooms. "We wanted to have a hip and stylish boutique hotel in Alabang," says Janice Almirante, director of sales and marketing. "If you notice, all properties in Alabang are technically the same, with the traditional hotel setting. This time, we wanted it more comfortable, more friendly for families, *barkadas*, and couples. We don't want it too stiff." Azumi hired seasoned designers Ivy and Cynthia Almaro to do the interiors, specifically the lobby. Natural light floods in, thanks to the floor-to-ceiling glass panels. "You get a feel of unrestricted space. Everything looks so open." Dark walls add depth to the area, while travel-inspired décor make for a trendy look.

**Address:** 2205 Market St., Madrigal Business Park Phase III, Alabang, Muntinlupa City  
**Tel.** (02) 869-9888  
**URL:** [www.azumi.ph](http://www.azumi.ph)

**tip:** If you are so much in love with the interior of a particular restaurant or hotel, don't hesitate to ask the manager who designed it. He or she might actually refer you to the designers!

### GET THE CHIC HAMPTON LOOK:

Think global: Choose timeless pieces, like a Chesterfield sofa and armchairs with nailhead trims (opposite top). Arrange the pieces symmetrically in your space, and decorate with travel finds. Put your black-and-white travel photos in white frames to personalize the space.

### MUST-KNOW:

Azumi means "safe residence" in Japanese. "Initially, it was supposed to be a condominium, but the owners decided to sell it as a hotel," says Janice. "Nevertheless, we still abide to being a safe hotel." Ecocarats tiles, which absorb humidity, odor, and moisture, make up the wall behind the front desk (opposite, right). "So you are guaranteed fresh air. All the rooms actually have those," says Janice. Check out [www.ecocarats.ph](http://www.ecocarats.ph).

## Key Pieces



**FORNASETTI STYLE.** Decorative Plate, P2,799.75, Our Home



**CALLING ON LONDON.** Telephone Booth Décor, P1,496, Sifra Interiors and Objects



**ROUNDED GREENS.** Round Topiaries, P1,499.75 (large), P399.75 (small), Our Home



**BUTTONED DOWN.** Tufted Three-Seater Sofa, price available upon request, Urban Abode









## BA NOI'S: ASIAN INDUSTRIAL

Owner Dodgie Violago established Ba Noi's in 2012 with a Vietnamese partner. "He conceptualized Ba Noi's in Makati. That's the first branch. As we partnered up, we noticed that it was time to grow. We opened in Kapitolyo, Katipunan, and now Estancia," he says. Ba Noi's, which serves authentic Vietnamese food, also aims to give its customers a great dining experience with its newest branch. "While you're enjoying your food, it's nice to pair it with an ambiance that is conducive for enjoying your meal," says Dodgie. Ba Noi's interiors in Estancia mall are a combination of homey and edgy elements designed by interior designer Kristine Neri-Magturo of Urban Abode. Unvarnished, wooden chairs add warmth and bring a sense of familiarity, as if you're visiting your aunt's or your grandmother's house. Meanwhile, industrial lighting pieces make for a hip look. A faux brick accent wall adds texture, while black-and-white wall hangings add to the overall moody ambiance. Address: LG/L Estancia Mall, Capitol Commons, Pasig City

**GET IT:** Combine wood and metal in your space. Stick to a black-and-white color scheme. Instead of adding pops of color through accessories, play with different shapes and textures. You can also deck your floor with geometric tiles in black and white, then add texture with distressed-finish bricks.

**MUST-KNOW:** "Ba Noi" means maternal grandmother in Vietnamese.

**(opposite page)** These wire lamps and wood tables are available at Kristine's home store Urban Abode at CW Home Depot Ortigas. The resto's unfussy vibe—reminiscent of simple Vietnamese eateries—complements the uncomplicated but delicious food.

### Key Pieces



SIDE KICKS. Boston Wood and Metal Side Chair, P3,595, Match



EIFFEL SIGHTING. Eiffel Center Table, P8,990, ID Furniture



ABSTRACT REASONING. Eames Sketch Print, P899.75, Our Home



Austen Pendant Lamp, price available upon request, Match





GET INSPIRED  
DÉCOR IDEAS

#### WHERE TO BUY

**GALERIE ASTRA**  
2/L LRI Design Plaza, 210  
N. Garcia St, Makati City

**ID FURNITURE**  
2100 Pasong Tamo Ext.,  
Makati City  
Tel. (02) 519-7083

**KISH**  
233 N. Garcia St.,  
Makati City  
Tel. (02) 896-8366  
[www.kish.ph](http://www.kish.ph)

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 Shaw Blvd.,  
Mandaluyong City  
Tel (02) 234-1112  
[www.mandauefoam.ph](http://www.mandauefoam.ph)

**MATCH**  
Warehouse 1 ID Furniture  
Design Center, 2100  
Pasong Tamo Ext.,  
Makati City  
Tel. (02) 642-9951

**MORE THAN A CHAIR**  
House #2 Wilson  
Compound, Park Ave.,  
Pasay City  
Tel. (02) 831-0250  
[www.morethanachair.com](http://www.morethanachair.com)

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L Bldg. A, SM  
Megamall,  
Mandaluyong City  
[www.ourhome.ph](http://www.ourhome.ph)

**RUSTAN'S DEPARTMENT  
STORE**  
[www.rustans.ph](http://www.rustans.ph)

**SIFRA INTERIORS  
AND OBJECTS**  
3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala  
Center, Makati City

**SPACE ENCOUNTERS**  
Mezzanine/L Padilla Bldg.,  
F. Ortigas Jr. Rd., Ortigas  
Center, Pasig City  
Tel. (02) 655-6806  
[www.spaceencounters.net](http://www.spaceencounters.net)

**URBAN ABODE**  
Tel (02) 570-4663  
[www.urbanabodemanila.com](http://www.urbanabodemanila.com)

**LUCINA HOME**  
[www.lucina.ph](http://www.lucina.ph)





1

2

3



#### BOOKENDS

Bookends create an orderly landscape of poems and novels with a bit of décor mixed in. These provide an outlet for your personal style, too, now that they come in varied forms and designs.

**TIP** You can also use vases, bowls (even pretty rocks!), and other heavy décor as bookends.

*Toto Bookshelf, P1,999.75, L'Indochine*



#### BASKETS

These are great for organizing items you use often but don't want to display. To add warmth to a space, go for woven ones. Place them on the topmost shelf, underneath tables, or in cubbies as drawers.

**TIP** Line baskets with linen to elevate the look.

*Woven Basket, price available upon request, H&M Home*

## 12 ORGANIZING MUST-HAVES

BID ADIEU TO A MESSY HOME  
WITH THESE STYLISH, CLEVER  
STORAGE ESSENTIALS!



#### HOOKS & PEGS

Free up precious closet space by using wall hooks and pegs. Hooks are extremely versatile—you can place them in the kitchen, bathroom, garage, and entryways. Decorative ones provide additional accents, too!

**TIP** Screw on a couple of attractive drawer knobs on a thick piece of plywood to make a DIY pegboard.

*Hook Coat Hanger by Sebastian Wrong, price available upon request, Hay*

4



#### CONSOLE TABLE

Console tables can corral small trinkets like keys and purses. However, they are often left out because of space limitations in small condos. To avoid clutter, go for a small table or a slim bench.

**TIP** A chair with a leveled seat will do the job just as well.

*Ezra Console Table, P7,995, Our Home*

#### JARS & BOWLS

Commonly used to store food, these clever items have gone beyond their use in the kitchen. Keep a workspace or craft area organized, and a bathroom vanity accessible and orderly by keeping small items like cotton balls in clear containers.

**TIP** Small, precious jewelry can be kept in tiny bowls inside dresser drawers.

*Ceramic Jar with Lid, P1,699.75;*

*Mixing Bowl, P449.75, both from L'Indochine*

5



6



#### COAT STANDS

These have two main functions: to hold your belongings and to showcase them. Place them in the foyer to welcome guests in style, or in the bedroom to hold your jackets, scarves, or bags.

**TIP** Be sure not to overcrowd your coat stand, lest it becomes an eyesore.

*Loop Stand Hall, price available upon request, Hay*





flame



caserta



montella



garda



galatina



toledo



marsala



aspen



fluid

**Perfect balance  
between design  
and function.**

From the basic to the unconventional, modern to classic, CAE offers a variety of options and creative solutions to cater to every individual taste and preference.



york



catania



thames

**SANITEC**  
IMPORT VENTURES, INC.

Providing Design Alternatives with Exceptional Value.

Available at :

236 E. Rodriguez Senior Avenue, near cor. D. Tuazon, Brgy. Don Manuel, Quezon City Tel: (632) 740.7509, Fax: (632) 354.9774

MC Home Builders Depot, Unit FS-010B, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig Tel: (632) 815.4818

CW Home Depot - Ortigas, Unit 45-46, #1 Doña Julia Vargas Avenue, Pasig City Tel: (632) 638.5586, Telefax: (632) 914.7012

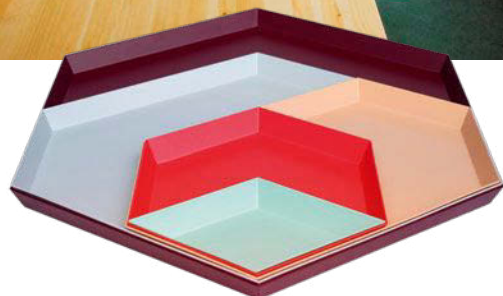
CW Home Depot - Manila Bay, Unit A30, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. Ext., corner Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City Tel: (632) 556.2049

CW Home Depot - Balintawak, Unit 23, #1240 EDSA, Brgy. Apolonio Samson, Quezon City

[www.sivibath.com](http://www.sivibath.com)



7



## TRAYS

Grouping items instantly makes for a neat surface. A simple tray can corral various items together. Place a tray in the kitchen to hold spices, or on your vanity dresser to organize perfume bottles.

**TIP** Go ahead and display a beautiful tray on its own on a console table.

*Kaleido Trays, prices available upon request, Hay*



11

## OTTOMAN WITH STORAGE

Getting a few ottoman seats with storage for your condo is easier on the wallet versus buying a bulky couch. Ottomans are also mobile so you can easily transfer them from one spot to another.

**TIP** Group two or four ottomans to create a coffee table with storage.

*Stow Leather Storage Ottoman, P9,190, Crate & Barrel*



8

## PEDESTAL DRAWER

Enjoy maximum desktop work surface with the help of a pedestal drawer or filing cabinet. Paperwork that needs urgent attention can be stored in the topmost drawer, while important documents can be locked away in the bottom.

**TIP** If you don't like the office look of pedestal drawers, try painting it in bold red or bronze.

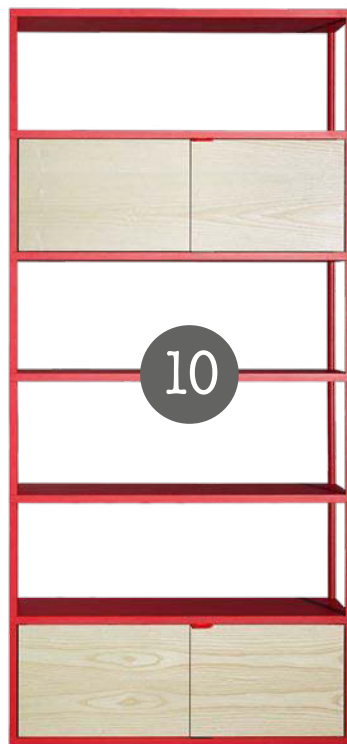
*Howard Office Cabinet, P8,995, Our Home*

## OPEN SHELVING

Out of sight means out of mind. Sometimes, it's better to use open shelving to keep everything in check and prevent a messy buildup. Consider adjustable shelves—they're very flexible and can be altered depending on your current needs.

**TIP** To keep shelves organized, designate spots for specific items.

*New Order Red Cabinet, price available upon request, Hay*



10



12

## TROLLEY

Think of trolleys as storage units on wheels that you can place wherever you need them to be. A trolley usually has at least two levels of storage that you can utilize. Remember to lock the wheels to prevent accidents.

**TIP** It's good to assign a specific function for one trolley—turn it into a coffee station or a mobile library, for example.

*Kitchen Trolley, P1,199.75, SM Home*

9



## MAGAZINE RACK

Besides holding a pile of magazines, there are other alternative uses for a magazine rack. You can also use it as a shoe rack that can hold your sneakers and flip-flops, and as a stylish rack for clean, rolled up towels.

**TIP** A sturdy old bag in mint condition can be reused as an unconventional magazine rack.

*Aric Magazine Rack in Natural Finish, P1,995, Our Home; White Bentwood Magazine Rack, P750, Mandaue Foam*

## WHERE TO BUY

**BO CONCEPT**  
MOs Design Bldg,  
Bonifacio High Street,  
Bonifacio Global City,  
Taguig City  
Tel. (02) 856-2745

**CRATE & BARREL**  
4/L SM Mega Fashion  
Hall, SM Megamall,  
Mandaluyong City  
[www.facebook.com/CrateandBarrelPhilippines](http://www.facebook.com/CrateandBarrelPhilippines)

**H&M HOME**  
G/L SM Makati, Ayala  
Center, Makati City  
[www.hm.com/ph/subdepartment/HOME](http://www.hm.com/ph/subdepartment/HOME)

**HAY**  
Casa Bella Home  
& Living, G/L AIC  
Burgundy Empire Tower,  
ADB Ave., Ortigas Center,  
Pasig City  
[www.hay.dk](http://www.hay.dk)

**L'INDOCHINE**  
4/L SM Aura Premier,  
Bonifacio Global City,  
Taguig City  
Tel. (02) 808-5420

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 Shaw Blvd.,  
Mandaluyong City  
Tel. (02) 234-1112  
[www.mandauefoam.ph](http://www.mandauefoam.ph)

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L Bldg. A,  
SM Megamall, Ortigas  
Center, Mandaluyong City  
Tel. (02) 634-1943  
[www.ourhome.ph](http://www.ourhome.ph)

**SM HOME**  
At SM malls nationwide



# ACE<sup>®</sup>

## Paint

MIXING ALL  
THE **COLORS**  
you want.

- ✓ Odorless
- ✓ Non-toxic
- ✓ Lead-free
- ✓ Endless  
palette of colors



**ACE** **ACE** **ACE**  
Hardware Builders Express

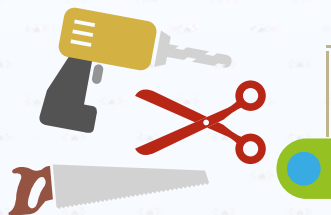


**realliving.com.ph** CELEBRATES

**1 year**

**OF HELPING YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM HOME**

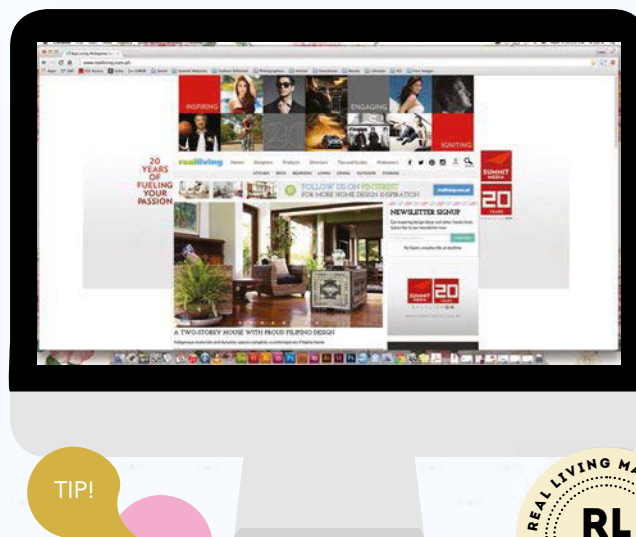
*The Philippines' best-selling home magazine now has the fastest-growing home-related website in the country, giving you an endless dose of design inspiration at the click of a finger.*



**107**  
REGISTERED  
DESIGNERS &  
ARCHITECTS

**1600+**  
EDITOR & EXPERT-TESTED  
TIPS AND GUIDES

**1000+**  
PRODUCT  
RECOMMENDATIONS

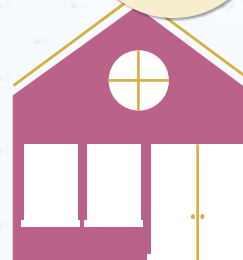


**20,097,581**  
PAGE VIEWS\*



**2,211,732\***  
TOTAL USERS\*

**53**  
REAL MAKEOVERS



**309**  
HOME TOURS

**162,127** FACEBOOK FANS\*\*




**12,759** INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



**1,285** TWITTER FOLLOWERS



Don't forget to follow us on:

 [facebook.com/reallivingph](https://facebook.com/reallivingph)   [@reallivingph](https://twitter.com/reallivingph)

\* Source: Google Analytics (May 2014 to May 2015)

\*\* Source: Facebook Insights (through June 16, 2015)



# REAL *homes*

DESIGNER'S LAIR \* CLUB-COOL CONDO \* PINOY HOME \* TROPICAL GETAWAY \* D.I.Y. NEST \*

In this anniversary issue, we feature owners and designers who have graced this magazine's pages, and whose spaces and lifestyles embody the practicality, efficiency, and variety of styles *Real Living* is known for.

photography DAIRY DARILAG





The backsplash, made from stainless-steel mosaic tiles, mimics a disco ball and adds visual interest to an otherwise monochromatic kitchen. The pantry cabinet has chalkboard doors where homeowner Sai Dy can write its contents or some important reminders.

These industrial pendant lights (customized by Morfosis Design) above the bar match the ones in the bedroom. They are painted red, which is Sai's favorite color.



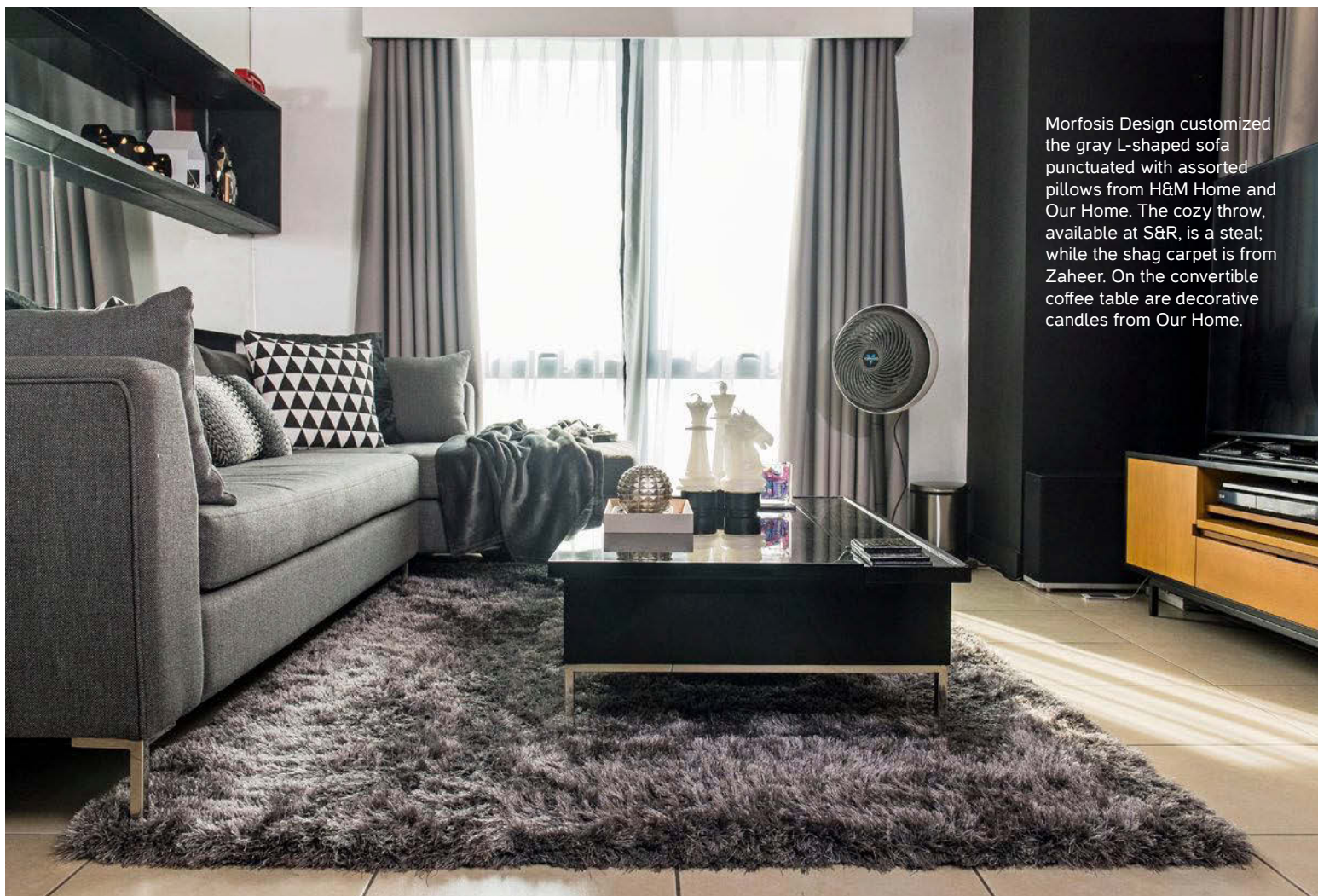
photography **MICHAEL ANGELO CHUA**  
styling **DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON**  
words **MAIKA Q. BERNARDO**

# IN THE CLUB

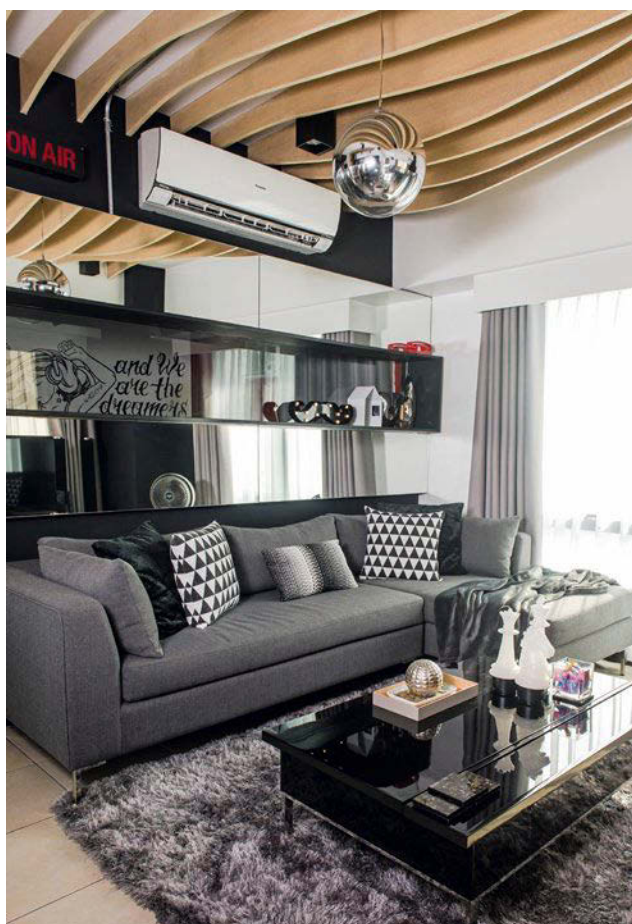
A DJ-IN-TRAINING MOVES TO  
HER OWN BEAT—AND HER PAD  
SHOWS JUST THAT

This ingenious coffee table from La Sedia (at Shangri-La Plaza) also has hidden storage and can be used as an extra dining surface.





Morfosis Design customized the gray L-shaped sofa punctuated with assorted pillows from H&M Home and Our Home. The cozy throw, available at S&R, is a steal; while the shag carpet is from Zaheer. On the convertible coffee table are decorative candles from Our Home.



When you step into Sai Dy's condo, you can't help but think of the truism: "Show me what your unit looks like, and I'll tell you who you are." Designer Pai Edles of Morfosis Design explains why. "Our design direction was based

on her personality," she says. "My partner, Misty Floro, and I want to design spaces for our clients that aren't just theirs but are also 'them.' You want to come home to something that's connected to you, to a unit that reflects who you are."

"Pai and I have been friends for the past ten years, so she knows what I like and who I am," adds Sai, who is training at Beat Project Manila to become a DJ. "I go to clubs, bars, and hotels often. Pai knows I go clubbing every weekend, and I like to entertain guests when I'm at home."

Sai requested the design duo to create a space inspired by sophisticated hotel and club interiors, hence the black-and-white palette with hints of red, her favorite color. "We used black only to highlight some parts of the condo such as the DJ room, the pantry cabinet, and the black pillar in the living area," Pai says. As of press time, Sai, also a photography enthusiast, is yet to display her travel photos on the black pillar. The matte finish of the black areas keeps things classy.

Industrial touches, however, make the condo look less formal and more laidback. Exposed pipes in the kitchen and living area and the metal pendant lights transport you to an intimate bar. The dining area is a bar, and you don't need to leave your stool for booze.



## {INTERIOR TALK}

**MORFOSIS MAGIC** Designing duo Pai Edles and Misty Floro were first featured in *Real Living's* March 2015 Makeover, where they transformed a nondescript living and dining area into a seriously hip space. Here are Pai's thoughts on RL.

**Designer Pai Edles of Morfosis Design on how she feels about being featured in *Real Living*:**

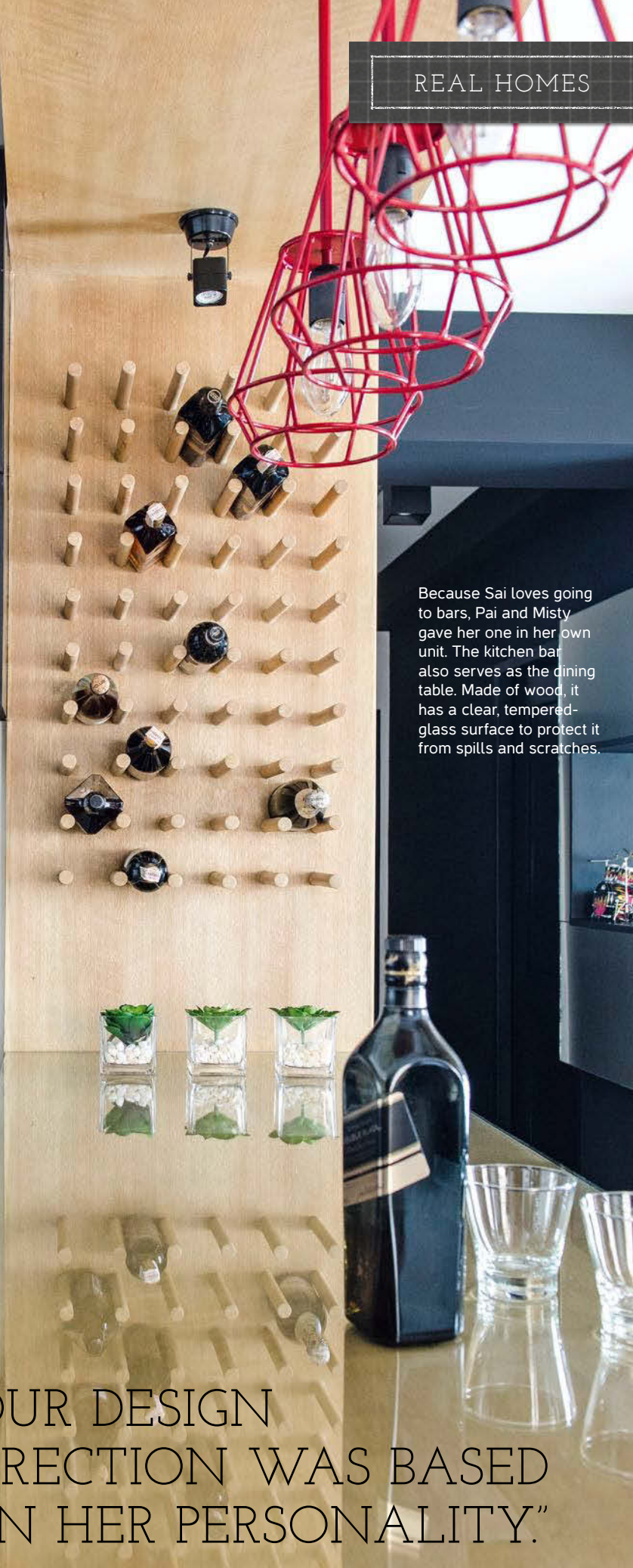
"We're very thankful for the opportunity. It's part of our bucket list to appear in RL, because it gives us exposure. We don't advertise. We just rely

much on word of mouth, so it would be nice if potential clients can see us in the number one home magazine! It's an honor to be featured in RL."

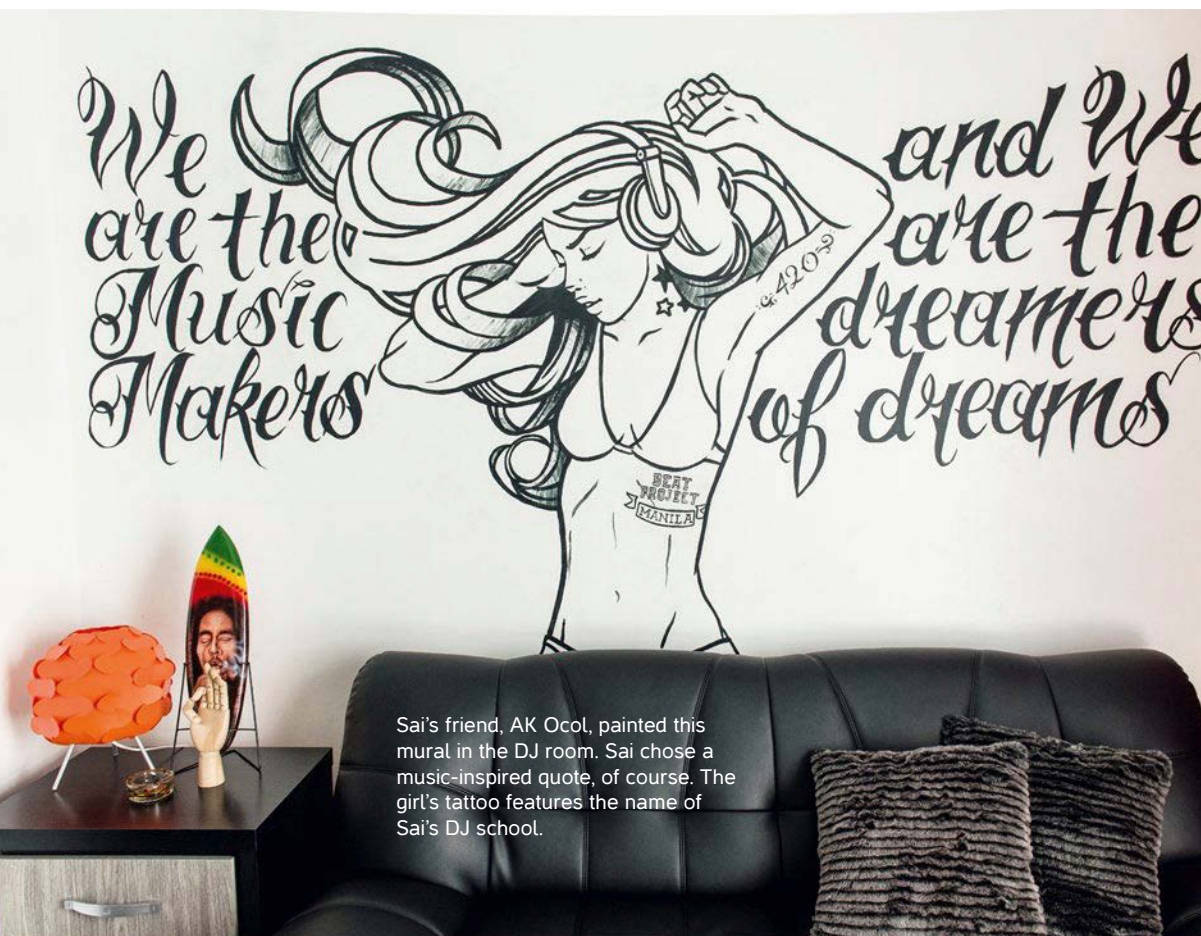
**Pai on what real living means to her:** "Real living is like marriage—it's like coming home to someone you love. Real living is not just having a connection to a space that is beautiful or livable, but also having something you can truly call home. At the end of a stressful day at work, you should be excited to come home."

Because Sai loves going to bars, Pai and Misty gave her one in her own unit. The kitchen bar also serves as the dining table. Made of wood, it has a clear, tempered-glass surface to protect it from spills and scratches.

"OUR DESIGN DIRECTION WAS BASED ON HER PERSONALITY."



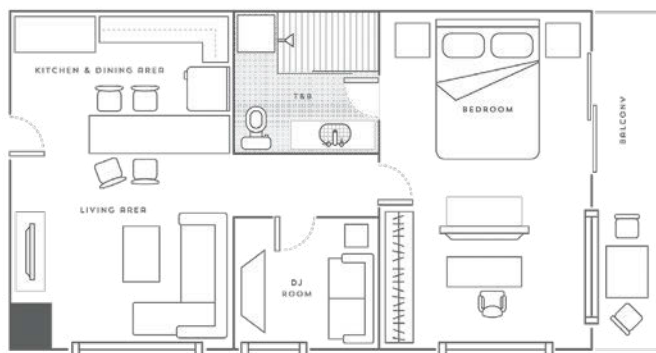




Sai's friend, AK Ocol, painted this mural in the DJ room. Sai chose a music-inspired quote, of course. The girl's tattoo features the name of Sai's DJ school.



[ FLOOR PLAN ]



You also need not go far for some electronic dance music when the mood strikes. Sai has already brought the party to her three-bedroom, 74-sqm unit. One of the bedrooms was converted into a DJ room, where guests can dance as Sai plays her sets.

Those in the living area won't feel left out, though. The DJ room has a wide window, and music from Sai's DJ equipment is piped in. There's no excuse not to get up and dance. The minimal décor also helps. "Because of the limited space, Misty and I minimized accessories to keep it clutter-free but still put-together," Pai says.

Sai, who also counts travel as one of her passions, doesn't buy a souvenir from every locale she visits. "I buy only what looks cool and weird, such as the hand décor in the DJ room from a Typo store in Australia," she says.

"She was mostly traveling during construction, so *puro lang siya bilin*," Pai says. "I'm thankful she gave us the freedom to design this unit for her." Sai also gave the designers her trust that they could achieve the overall look she's going for—a look, to paraphrase Pai, that is all her. **RL**

## RAISE THE BAR

A cool set of bar stools are key to a party-ready home

### INDUSTRIAL MEASURES.

Achieve an industrial look with this rolling bar stool that has an adjustable height. *Belden Bar Stool*, P11,687, *Tribooa Bay Living*



**STARCK AND SIMPLE.** A modern piece like this Starck stool can add touches of luxury in the kitchen. *Charles Bar Stool* by *Philippe Starck*, price available upon request, *Dexterton*



**RED HOT.** Make your bar stand out with sleek and eye-catching red stools. *Mijas Bar Stool*, P3,295, *Dimensione*



**DINER DASH.** Revel in the '60s with diner-style seating! *Checkered Bar Stool*, price available upon request, *Handyman*



# SAI REQUESTED A SPACE INSPIRED BY SOPHISTICATED CLUB AND HOTEL INTERIORS

Sai's bedroom channels the understated luxury of a five-star hotel. The walls are painted matte black, while the easy-to-maintain vinyl floor resembles wood. Morfosis Design customized the bed, the side tables, and the dimmable pendant lights.

**RIGHT** Facing the bed is a revolving flat-screen TV. Behind it is the mirror for Sai's dresser-cum-desk on the other side. You can have a mechanism like this customized at Ergo Home, SM Aura.



## Details



Sai bought this battery-operated, shoebox-sized light box from a Typo store in Australia during one of her travels. This light box is also available at Typo branches in Metro Manila.



1



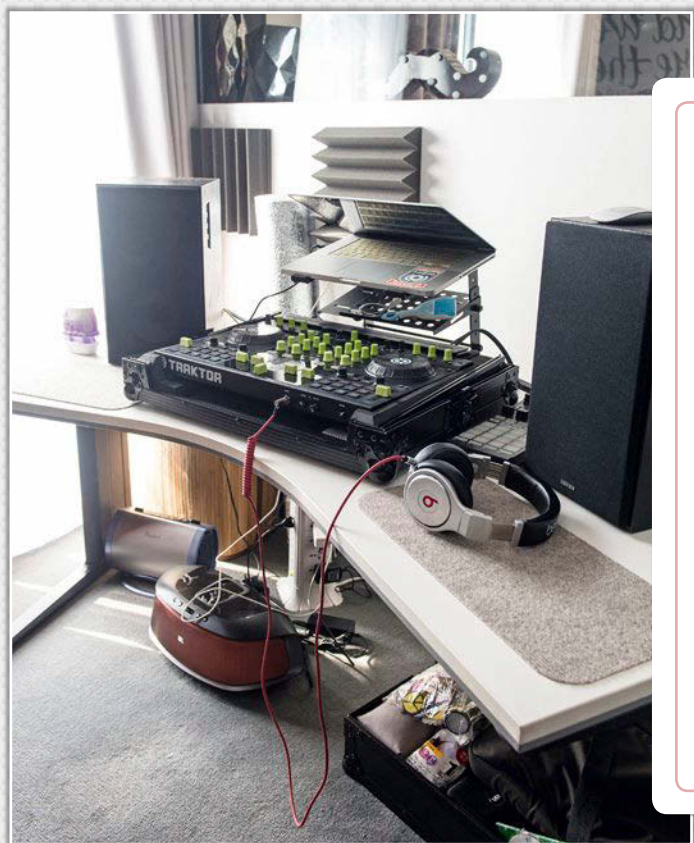
2



3



4



ONE OF THE BEDROOMS IN SAI'S UNIT WAS CONVERTED INTO HER VERY OWN DJ ROOM, WHICH IS SOUNDPROOFED WITH A CARPETED FLOOR AND FOAM WALL PANELS. "SOFT MATERIALS ARE GOOD FOR SOUNDPROOFING," PAI SAYS. FACING SAI'S DJ EQUIPMENT IS A COMFY COUCH, WHERE HER FRIENDS CAN LOUNGE ON AS SHE PLAYS FOR THEM. NEAR IT HANGS A PRINT PAI AND MISTY GAVE TO SAI AS A GIFT: ARTWORK INSPIRED BY MIXTAPES, WHICH THE DESIGNERS FOUND AT A DEPARTMENT STORE. THE DISCO BALL (FROM IKEA) COMPLETES THE CLUB AMBIANCE.

**1. PASS THE BAR.** The mini bar has wooden pegs bearing bottles of liquors and spirits.

**2. PARTY ANIMAL.** This mini disco ball adds to the clubbing experience in Sai's DJ room.

**3. RUN THROUGH.** For piped-in music, an electric wire from the DJ room connects to the speakers in the living area. Left exposed, it adds to the industrial feel of the unit.

**4. WAVE AFTER WAVE.** The ceiling in the living area has a wooden installation resembling sound waves to reflect the owner's passion for music.





**COMFY ANGLES.** Fargo Corner Sofa with Lounge Set, price available upon request, Bo Concept



**FLAT DISC.** Ayro Spin Round Table, P6,995, Our Home

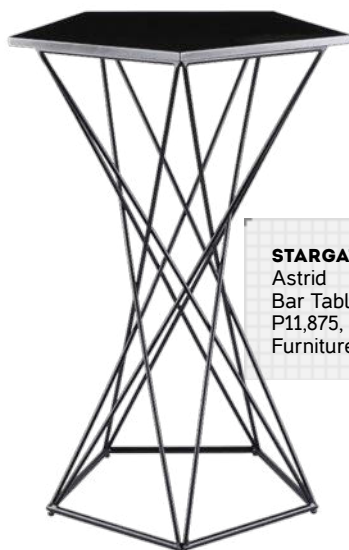


**FUN FACTORY.** Austen Pendant Lamp, price available upon request, Match



**TRENDY TEXTURES.** Arq Cream Magnolia Pillow; Red Hairy Pillow, P999.75 each, both from Our Home

**TIP**  
CHOOSE FURNITURE WITH THIN LEGS TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF SPACE IN A CONDO.



**STARGATE.** Astrid Bar Table, P11,875, ID Furniture

# GET THE LOOK OF A COOL & TRENDY URBAN PAD



**IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.** Marquee Light Arrow, P1,200, Co.Op

**TALL WHITE ONE.** Reese Bar Stool, P3,995, Our Home



**WALL SHOW.** Typography Print, P2,499; Motorcycle Print, P1,630, both from ID Furniture

**FIRST MOVE.** Bishop, Rook, and Horse Candles, P599.75 each, Our Home



**TIP**  
ADD SUBTLE QUIRKS TO A MINIMALIST SPACE WITH A FEW OVERSIZED ACCESSORIES.



## WHERE TO BUY:

**BO CONCEPT**  
MOS DESIGN BLDG, BONIFACIO HIGH STREET, BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY, TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 856-2745

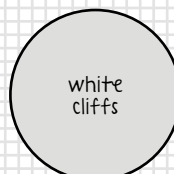
**CO.OP**  
189 A. MABINI, SAN JUAN CITY  
TEL. (02) 925-5885

**ID FURNITURE**  
2100 PASONG TAMO EXT, MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 519-7083

**MATCH**  
WAREHOUSE 1 ID FURNITURE DESIGN CENTER, 2100 PASONG TAMO EXT, MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 642-9951

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

## { COLOR PALETTE }





# Lovingly upcycled

photography **MIGUEL NACIANCENO**  
styling **DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON**  
words **CECILE JUSI BALTASAR**



OUT OF NECESSITY, THIS  
YOUNG FAMILY HAD TO  
RESORT TO RECYCLING  
AND REUSING—AND THE  
RESULTS ARE BEAUTIFUL



To extend the ground floor, homeowner and designer Mikki Alingarog installed mirrors (all recycled) in various shapes and sizes, and repainted the walls beige. On the accent wall, Mikki hung two clocks that don't work—one is set to the time of Mikki and Matthew's wedding; the other tells the time of Mayumi's birth. Two of the few brand-new items in the living room are the couches, which Mikki got from Mandaue Foam. The wooden chandelier is a DIY creation.





When they moved in, buying an oven with a stovetop and rangehood was beyond the Alingarogs' budget. So they kept Mikki's stand-alone oven and got a separate stovetop. They bought the engine for the rangehood for just P1,000, and had a carpenter build the rangehood out of recycled plywood and a screen for a filter. The oven is hidden behind a cabinet under the stove. When Mikki bakes, she just keeps the doors of the cabinet open.



MIKKI AND MATTHEW  
STARTED TAKING HOME  
MATERIAL SCRAPS  
AND ANYTHING  
THEY COULD SALVAGE  
FROM PREVIOUS  
CONSTRUCTIONS



Another steal from Mandaue Foam is this six-seater dining set. Hanging over it is a capiz chandelier bought from Robles Heritage (CW Home Depot Ortigas). “We only buy pieces when we earn extra money from our projects,” says Mikki. To keep the room classy and clean, she had one of their workers build a shelved stand (from recycled wood) for the DIY-inspired grandfather clock. This clock covers the unsightly panel box on the wall.

If there was ever a house that sings “DIY” from its trusses and pipes, the Alingarogs’ three-story townhouse must be it. Once you see the chicken-feed baskets used as light fixtures, mayonnaise jars turned into flower vases, and scraps of plywood transformed into an eye-catching chandelier, you’ll know that ingenuity and creativity designed this place.

“We did a lot of DIY out of need. That was our design concept,” laughs homeowner and interior designer Mikki Alingarog, who shares the cozy home with her husband Matthew and their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Mayumi. “I had just given birth when we moved in, and we came from fixing up our old home, so we were working from a tight budget.”

They had their work cut out for them. The townhouse they moved into had been occupied by tenants for the past 15 years, and it was in desperate need of some designer TLC. The outside walls were pink, the inside walls were green, and the kitchen tiles were orange. The floor tiles on all three stories were old and broken. Ventilation and light sources were in short supply.

It was a huge help—and it still is—that Mikki and Matthew are in the construction business. So after taking care of the essentials, such as fixing the plumbing and electrical systems, Mikki started taking home scraps of wood, leftover paint, and anything else she could salvage from their various construction projects (all of which would have been thrown away). These she used in her own home.

For instance, the table and two benches sitting in the garage used to be wooden trusses of old homes that the couple had worked on. This area is where they hold parties, which usually involve families who occupy all the other townhouses in the compound.

In the living room, the first thing guests will notice is a wooden chandelier. It’s a testament to Mikki’s creativity. “I drew the design on manila paper and then asked one of our workers to cut it on scrap plywood and then paint it white,” she says.

In fact, looking around the living room that flows into the dining room and kitchen, you’ll see many of Mikki’s DIY design and storage solutions. “We designed things in such a way that not much was built in,” says Mikki. “So just in case we move out, we can take most of these with us.”

Case in point: the custom-made shelves under the ground-floor stairs. They are on casters, which make them easy to pull out, revealing even more storage space behind them.

Not all the pieces in the Alingarog home were made from scratch, however. Some—such as the kitchen island—are hand-me-downs from family. “The piece I’m proudest



## {INTERIOR TALK}

### DESIGNING THE RL WAY

Mikki Alingarog usually works as a foreman in a construction company, but when clients request it, she also doubles as a decorator. We last featured one of her projects in the June 2015 issue.

**1. How is it working with *Real Living*?** I love working with *Real Living*. Since I was in college, I would scour through RL and actually get tips from the magazine. I took up HRM (Hotel and Restaurant Management) in college, but

reading RL made it clear to me that I love design.

**2. How do you feel about your home being featured in RL?** Masaya, knowing that even if our house is small and decorated in a “Frankenstein” sort of way, *may nagagandahan pa rin pala*.

**3. What does real living mean for you?** For me, it means living practically and designing around your lifestyle. Real living is living according to your needs, reusing and recycling whatever you can.





This room benefited the most from Mikki's long periods of bedrest throughout her difficult pregnancy. While in bed, Mikki made stuffed toys, the mobile (made from felt bought in Divisoria), and scoured Pinterest and Instagram for more design inspirations. Mikki created an art corner to encourage Mayumi's love of art. This corner has a framed chalkboard made from scratch: recycled plywood painted with chalkboard paint, and a frame from Mikki's mom's shop. Practically everything in Mayumi's room is handmade or recycled. Her TV table used to be her parents' buffet table in their previous home; the couch in her reading nook uses the mattress in her old changing table and the wood from her old crib; the magnetic board in her play area used be part of the roof of an old house.

of is that island," says Mikki, who loves to cook. "That used to be my father-in-law's desk. We just installed shelves underneath for more storage."

Mikki and Matthew's bedroom is another treasure trove of repurposed genius. It also holds many "rejects" from Mikki's various interior design projects. "I had our headboard made during my difficult pregnancy when I had to sleep sitting up because of intense nausea," says Mikki. "The heavy gray fabric of the headboard was originally for a client, who didn't like it too much. So I took the material home and used it."

Despite the pieces being recycled, the master bedroom—in hues of gray and blue—has a cohesive look that makes it conducive to a restful night's sleep. To an appreciative eye, everything in that bedroom belongs there. No one needs to know that the bed, in fact, was made from two big pieces of scrap wood hauled from a construction site.

Down the hall in Mayumi's room, the Pinterest feel continues, this time bursting with color.

"When we moved in, this room was bare, with just a mattress on the floor," says Mikki. "When Yumi got bigger, we transformed her changing table into a cabinet for her clothes. And then, with more scrap wood, I designed a dollhouse-shaped cabinet that we screwed on top of the old changing table. This is where we hang Yumi's clothes." Mikki painted it bright red using paint left over from another home she designed.

"Whenever I get stressed out, I come in here," says Mikki. "It's my favorite room in the house."

For DIY lovers, however, it will be a difficult task picking a favorite room in the Alingorog home. Each one is a gem in itself, lovingly designed and providing the best lesson for young families: "Before, *tapon lang kami nang tapon*," says Mikki. "And then we went through some budget constraints which made us realize how important things are. Instead of throwing things away, you can still use them." **RL**

"BEFORE, TAPON LANG KAMI NANG TAPON, AND THEN BUDGET CONSTRAINTS MADE US REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THINGS ARE."

## VINTAGE CHARM

These wall accessories can add a charming, upcycled look to a home

### MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.

This gives a romantic feel to a kitchen wall. Illustration, find similar at Rustan's Department Store, EDSA cor. Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City



**BACK IN TIME.** Tell time the old-fashioned way. Wall Clock Bistro, find similar at Dimensione, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City



**COLLAGE OF LIFE.** What a quirky way to display photos! Frame, find similar at Dimensione

**LICENSE TO CHARM.** This cute accent will look good in your kid's bedroom. Umbra Frame, find similar at Dimensione





The master bedroom used to have a balcony and no bathroom. To solve this, Mikki and Matthew did away with the balcony and built a bathroom over it. The previous tenant had transformed the end of the bedroom into a sort of entertainment nook, with a bar and a TV area. This, the Alingarogs transformed into a walk-in closet (with a sink, since there was no space for it in the bathroom). The maxi-size ottoman across the bed is another project "overrun." It turned out to be too big for a room Mikki was designing for another client, so she just bought it from the furniture maker at half-price and parked it in the bedroom.





Because she lacked plywood, Mikki painted some of these inspirational quotes directly on the wall of the garage. She finished the look with old wooden frames painted white.



## Details



MIKKI REPAINTED OLD FRAMES FROM HER MOTHER'S SHOP AND USED THESE FOR THE GARAGE'S DÉCOR—FRAMED QUOTES WRITTEN IN CHALK ON SCRAP PLYWOOD. HOLDING ODDS AND ENDS IS AN OLD METAL TOOLBOX (REPAINTED BLACK) THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND BY A PREVIOUS TENANT. AND FOR BIGGER STORAGE, A SLIDING DOOR WITH WOODEN SLATS COVERS SHELVES OF LEFTOVER PAINT, WIRES, AND TOOLS. THE GARAGE ISN'T JUST A PARTY PLACE, IT'S ALSO ONE BIG CREATIVE STORAGE SOLUTION.

- 1. BLACK IS BLACK.** To give the differently sized and shaped photos on the memento wall a cohesive look, Mikki used plain black frames.
- 2. NATIVE FLAIR.** These shadow boxes are actually storage bins (bought at SM Homeworld) turned sideways and hung on the wall to create unconventional display boxes.
- 3. BASKET BREAK.** Mikki has these baskets all over the house to catch clutter. These baskets (which went for P30 each) were originally sold for hens to nest in.
- 4. JUST KEEP SWIMMING.** Adding a cute detail to the garage is this storage jar turned into a mini aquarium for their pet fish.





#### CIRCULAR ARRANGEMENT.

Sari Round Mirror, price available upon request, Vito Selma



#### PADDED SHAPES.

Kidney Pillow, P699.75, Our Home; Square Throw Pillow, P299.75, AllHome



#### NATIVE DROP.

Capiz Drop Light, price available upon request, Robles Heritage



**BOXED UP.** Lattice Storage Boxes, P149.75 (small); P379.75 (large), both from SM Home



**GREEN FIX.** Faux Potted Plant, P350, Möbler



#### CASUAL SIPS.

Cup and Saucer Set, P2,695, Dimensione

**TIP**  
USE PRETTY STORAGE BOXES IN YOUR HOME OFFICE TO INJECT STYLE AND COMBAT CLUTTER.

## GET THE LOOK OF A D.I.Y. FAMILY HOME

#### DEEP BLUE SPHERE.

Sphere Navy Area Rug, P20,415, Decoliving

**TIP**  
OFFSET GENERIC-LOOKING FURNITURE PIECES WITH A GRAPHIC RUG.

#### WHERE TO BUY:

**ALLHOME**  
STARMALL PRIMA,  
TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 842-7016  
WWW.ALLHOME.COM.PH

**DECOLIVING**  
WWW.DECOLIVINGMANILA.COM

**DHALTON HOME**  
G/L THE MAGNOLIA  
RESIDENCES, N. DOMINGO ST.,  
NEW MANILA, QUEZON CITY  
TEL. (02) 806-1327

**DIMENSIONE**  
BONIFACIO HIGH STREET,  
BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY,  
TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 856-6756

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD.,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
WWW.MANDAUEFOAM.PH

**MÖBLER**  
4977 ENRIQUE STREET,  
PALANAN, MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 216-1782

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**ROBLES HERITAGE**  
CW HOME DEPOT ORTIGAS,  
DOÑA JULIA VARGAS AVE.,  
ORTIGAS CENTER, PASIG CITY  
WWW.ROBLESHERITAGE.COM

**SM HOME**  
AT SM MALLS NATIONWIDE

**VITO SELMA**  
WWW.VITOSELMA.COM



**CHIC SEAT.** Sofa, price available upon request, Dhalton Home

**LORENZO FROM THE SEA.** Lorenzo Seagrass Ottoman, P1,200, Mandaue Foam



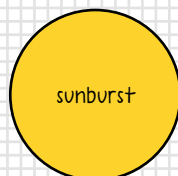
#### { COLOR PALETTE }



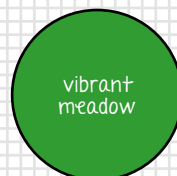
brilliant blue



chesapeake



sunburst



vibrant meadow



white mosaic



# TROPICAL SANCTUARY

HANDPICKED PIECES,  
BESPOKE FURNITURE, AND  
ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS  
ADD A RESORT FEEL TO  
THIS FAMILY HOME


*photography* **DAIRY DARILAG**

*styling* **DAGNY MADAMBA & PAULA DE GUZMAN**

*words* **BUBBLES SALVADOR**







The homeowner initially wanted a crystal chandelier spiraling down from the ceiling, but designer Kristine Neri-Magturo thought it wouldn't suit the modern tropical theme. Instead, Kristine designed a lighting fixture with several candle holders in varying tiers.

A sectional sofa defines the spacious living area, with a tufted ottoman in royal blue providing an accent color. On the other side, a commissioned artwork runs almost the entire height of the wall. Says homeowner Ginger's daughter, "Our family business is related to buildings, which is depicted in the painting (seen in the next page) using all of our favorite colors."





## {INTERIOR TALK}

### URBAN ABODE AND RL

Interior designer Kristine Neri-Magturo has been regularly featured in the pages of *Real Living* since the magazine's early years. Here, she shares her experience in working with RL.

"*Real Living* has enabled me to share my love of interior design and transforming spaces," says Kristine. Being featured in the magazine's pages through the home projects she has worked on enabled her to build a relationship with readers and potential clients even before their first meeting.

"When a client reaches out to me, there is already a basis of confidence and faith, because they have consistently seen my work. This is a credit to the lens of beauty and authenticity that RL is respected for, and is a big reason why I truly trust

RL to feature my projects," the designer adds.

The first RL story that featured Kristine was a makeover of a cramped children's bedroom. "I saw how our chosen vocation can meaningfully change lives beyond style and aesthetics," she says. Years later, the launch of Kristine's bespoke furniture and lifestyle store, Urban Abode, also landed on the pages of RL. "I almost cried, thinking how much my design practice has grown, and that I was able to give work and income to my team. Now that I have a husband and a baby, RL is still very much part of our family."

Kristine's concept of "real living?" "It is celebrating our blessings and challenging ourselves to positively impact lives by constructively unleashing our inner beauty into the spaces we breathe."

If you had a pool, a gym, a sauna, and a library in your own home, not to mention ample space in the bedrooms, study, and living and dining areas, would you ever leave unless you had to go to work or school?

The answer is likely no, and not surprisingly, it's the same for Ginger and her husband's brood of three. This three-story, six-bedroom home is the family's sanctuary—a place they look forward to enjoying at the end of a busy day. The place is huge, but the family admits to being low-key, with simple needs but a unique taste.

"*Kaya ganito ito kalaki, hopefully dito pa rin titira ang mga anak namin kahit magkaroon na sila ng sarili nilang family. Pag tanda naming mag-asawa, dito na rin kami.* This is our dream house," Ginger says of the home they also share with her mom and a granddaughter (whom she likes to call her youngest daughter).

For now, while two of her kids are still in their teens, the home serves as their favorite meeting place with friends. "*Sabi ko sa kanila, if they want to go out with their friends, why not here na lang?*" says Ginger. Apart from the main house, Ginger's eldest daughter occupies her own pad by the pool.

Ginger turned to a long-time friend, interior designer Kristine Neri-Magturo, after the house had been built. Says Kristine about working with Ginger and her husband, "They love to travel and go scuba diving, so they're really nature lovers. I suggested a modern tropical theme, and it turned out it was what they really wanted to go for."

Having agreed on the theme, the homeowners and Kristine breezed through the rest of the process. "Ginger's husband likes to take photos to document their family's memorable moments, so they requested a 'wall of fame-ily,' which we placed along the hallway of the third floor," Kristine adds.





"SABI KO, IF THEY WANT TO GO OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS, WHY NOT HERE NA LANG?"

(opposite, below) A ten-seater wooden dining table with bespoke cushioned chairs in neutral hues run parallel to a row of pendant lights, while at the far end, a built-in aquarium from ADA provides a whimsical backdrop for family meals. (This page) The all-white kitchen accentuated by black and silver details also includes a bar counter that is close enough to the main dining area, providing extra seating when extended family members come over.







Apart from ample space for their family mementos, the owners also requested for an airy and open space. “*Ayaw nila ng bahay na hindi sila magkikita-kita,*” says Kristine. In fact, one of Ginger’s daughters shares that if you couldn’t find the siblings in the library, there are only two other places to look in: the dining area and the study.

Their home’s sprawling space—with a koi pond and mini-golf area to boot—may reflect a certain degree of extravagance, but the family has very simple joys. Handling the family business is stressful for Ginger and her husband, and they just want “something we and the kids will enjoy when we come home. *Yung para kaming nasa resort.*”

Even in the choice of furniture, the homeowners wanted pieces they can associate themselves with: modest but far from plain. Some pieces were bought off the floor at Our Home, while Urban Abode customized the rest of the furniture.

“There were areas *na kailangan* customized ang furniture, like the living area, *kasi malalaki ang kailangan.* *Yung choices namin, specific. Kahit sobrang simple lang, hindi*

*nakikita sa iba.* Everything *na makikita mo dito, ‘yun yung personality namin,*” Ginger says.

As far as Kristine is concerned, the challenges of this house project went beyond designing and customizing furniture, as she felt the need to integrate architectural features as well. “I needed to treat the walls, and *yung wood cladding sa hallways, sumisilip din sa front.* When you’re outside and the blinds are drawn up, *may silip na wood. Hindi siya all glass house,*” says Kristine.

Even in the materials used, Kristine kept to the tropical feel. “I used natural sandstone for the wall—*hindi nakakasawa* or overwhelming. Very subdued, *may texture, elegant,*” she describes.

The furniture pieces customized for this large space served the purpose of zoning the areas, which is particularly important when the family has guests. “Even if they are a small family, they like having cousins and other family members over. So although *hindi sila mahilig mag-host ng party* for friends, they like hosting family gatherings. They really value family highly,” adds Kristine. **RL**

## PIC PERFECT

Display your prized shots in these traditional tabletop picture frames

**CRACKED UP.** The distressed finish provides a nice contrast against a dark, European-style interior. *White Frame, P599, H&M Home*



**BLACK BEAUTY.** This fail-safe classic pleaser will look great on top of a white table. *Black Frame, P499, H&M Home, G/L SM Makati, Ayala Center, Makati City*




**LOCAL CHARMER.** Made of local seashells, this elegant frame is the perfect addition to a console table. *Shell Frame, P599.75, Kultura Filipino, www.kulturafilipino.com*



### SHOW ME THE SIGN.

Place an artsy photograph in this edgy (pun intended) frame. *Matrix Photo Frame, P2,310, Dimensione, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City*





Reading, among other things, is a favorite pastime of the family, so having a library is a must. The '70s-style sunken seating area provides a place to lie down and even put one's feet up while deeply engrossed in a book. The quotes written on the chalkboard walls (opposite, above) were suggested by the owners' children, lifted from their favorite authors.

THE OWNERS ASKED FOR AN OPEN, AIRY SPACE. "AYAW NILA NG BAHAY NA HINDI SILA MAGKIKITA-KITA."



# DESIGNER KRISTINE NERI-MAGTURO NEEDED TO INTEGRATE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES AS WELL

The bedrooms are spread across the second floor, where a receiving lounge serves as an alternative hangout for the owners' kids. At the center is a coffee table, where the family's collection of photo albums is stored. A mix of finds from Our Home and customized furniture from Urban Abode is showcased in this common area.





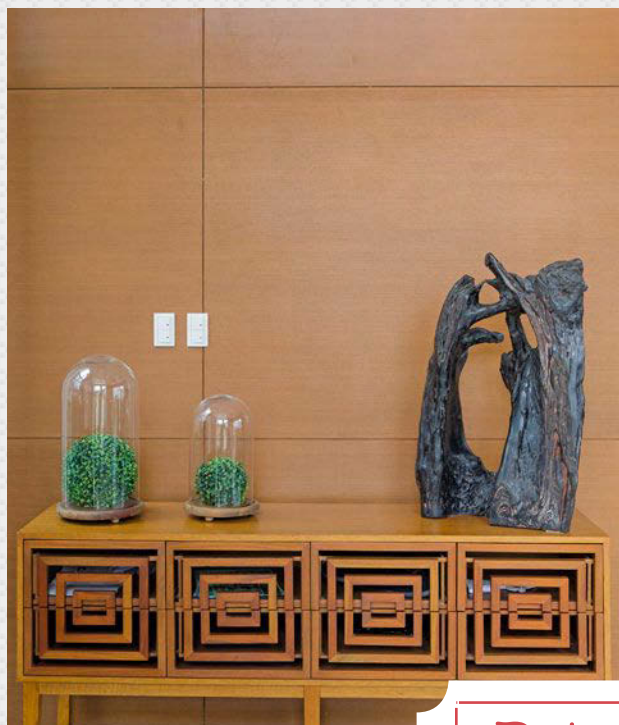
A checkered headboard in a neutral palette is the focal point of the boy's room. Some of the squares open up to reveal extra storage for small personal belongings. What you won't immediately see upon entering the room is a secret door that leads to an attic. "I go up there when I like to get away and just be by myself," the son reveals.





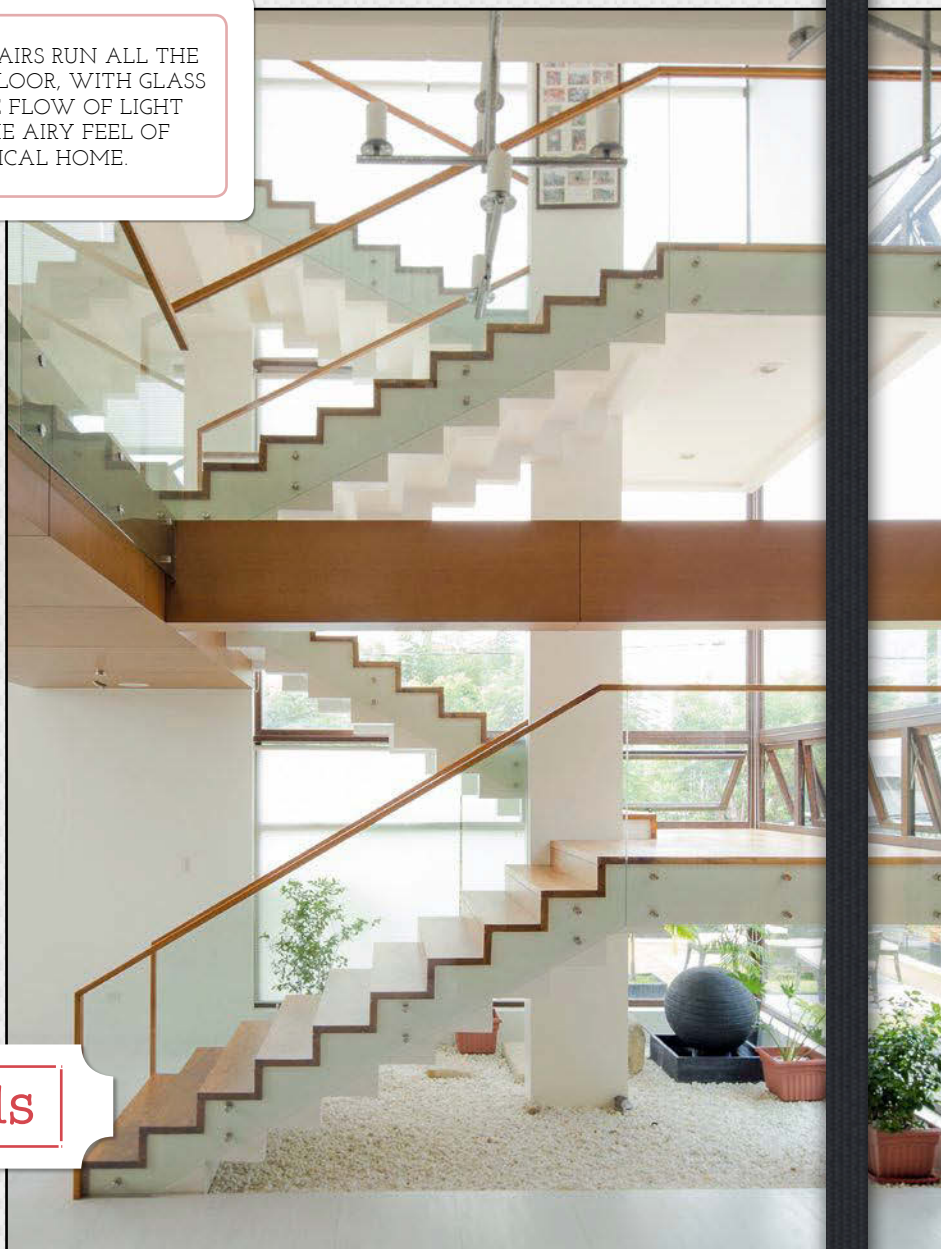
**LINEAR BEAUTY.** STAIRS RUN ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP FLOOR, WITH GLASS PANELS AIDING THE FLOW OF LIGHT AND ADDING TO THE AIRY FEEL OF THIS MODERN TROPICAL HOME.

**TAKE EIGHT** This Salvador Console Table from Urban Abode, with a carved detail accent, has eight drawers to hold keys and other knickknacks. It is conveniently located near the main entrance.



## Details

**SNEAKY STORAGE.** The "checks" in the headboard in the boy's room opens up to reveal small niches for personal belongings.



**READING CORNER** Near the master bedroom on the second floor is also a perfect nook for reading.



**FOLLOW THE LIGHT.**  
Square Lantern, price available upon request, Crate & Barrel



**THE LIFE AQUATIC.**  
ADA Aquarium, price available upon request, ADA Aquariums



**BRIELLE THE BEAUTY.** Brielle Accent Chair, P26,100, Home Matters



**EGO-NOMIC DESIGN.** Sedia Ego Chair, price available upon request, Calligaris



**CONSOLATION PRIZE.** Laurent Console Table, P37,500, Home Matters



**PILLOW TALK.** Throw Pillows, P499 each, H&M Home

**BOOKED FOR THE WEEKEND.**  
Made to Order by Campion Platt, available at National Book Store



**TIP**  
A BIG FAN OF BOOKS? INCORPORATE THEM IN YOUR HOME DÉCOR BY ARTFULLY ARRANGING THEM ON YOUR COFFEE TABLE.

## GET THE LOOK OF A MODERN TROPICAL HOME

**TIP**  
TO OFFSET FURNITURE PIECES IN NEUTRAL COLORS, GO FOR A RUG IN A BOLD SHAPE OR FORM.



**LOCAL LUX.** P10,898, Checkered Floor Lamp, Triboa Bay Living

**WHERE TO BUY:**  
**ACE HARDWARE**  
AT ALL LEADING SM MALLS

**ADA AQUARIUMS**  
WWW.ADANA.COM.PH

**CALLIGARIS**  
G/L & MEZZANINE FLOOR,  
CLIPP CENTER, 11TH AVE. COR  
39TH ST., BONIFACIO GLOBAL  
CITY, TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 869-1059

**CRATE & BARREL**  
4/L MEGA FASHION HALL,  
SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY

**HOME MATTERS**  
4/L MEGA FASHION HALL,  
SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY

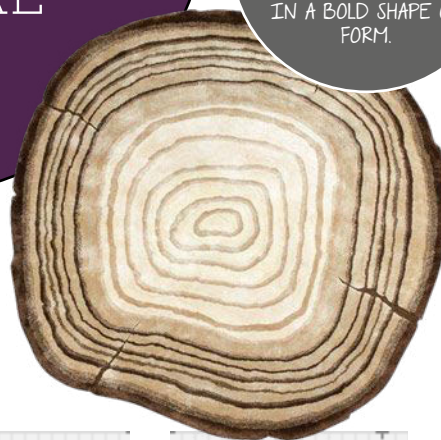
**NATIONAL BOOKSTORE**  
AT ALL LEADING MALLS

**PAMANA RUGS AND CARPETS**  
4/L EAST WING, SHANGRI-LA  
PLAZA, MANDALUYONG CITY

**TRIBOA BAY LIVING**  
4/L MEGA FASHION HALL,  
SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY

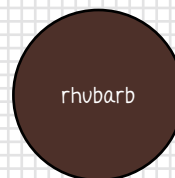
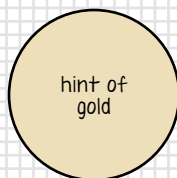


**TALL KAT.** Katrina Accent Chair, P39,900, Home Matters




**UNDER THE RUG.** Tree Trunk Rug by Kenneth Cobonpue, price available upon request, Pamana Rugs and Carpets

{ COLOR PALETTE }







Made from a solid block of balayong wood from Palawan, the dining table is a personal pick of the husband and was customized by Contemporaneo. Simply Asian's studded seats in neutral fabric complete the set. The woven leather ceiling mimics the effect of sisal fiber, an indigenous material used for agriculture and fishing.

---

photography **MIGUEL NACIANCENO**

---

styling **DAGNY MADAMBA & TALA SINGSON**

---

words **BUBBLES SALVADOR**

---



# PINOY PRIDE

A MIX OF OLD AND NEW  
HOMEGROWN DESIGNER PIECES  
MAKES UP THIS YOUNG FAMILY'S  
MODERN-PINOY HOME

Customized furniture from South Sea in plain and printed fabric up the modern vibe of the living area. These are complemented by classic pieces from Simply Asian and Designs Ligna, and made more colorful by one of the homeowners' personally chosen art pieces.





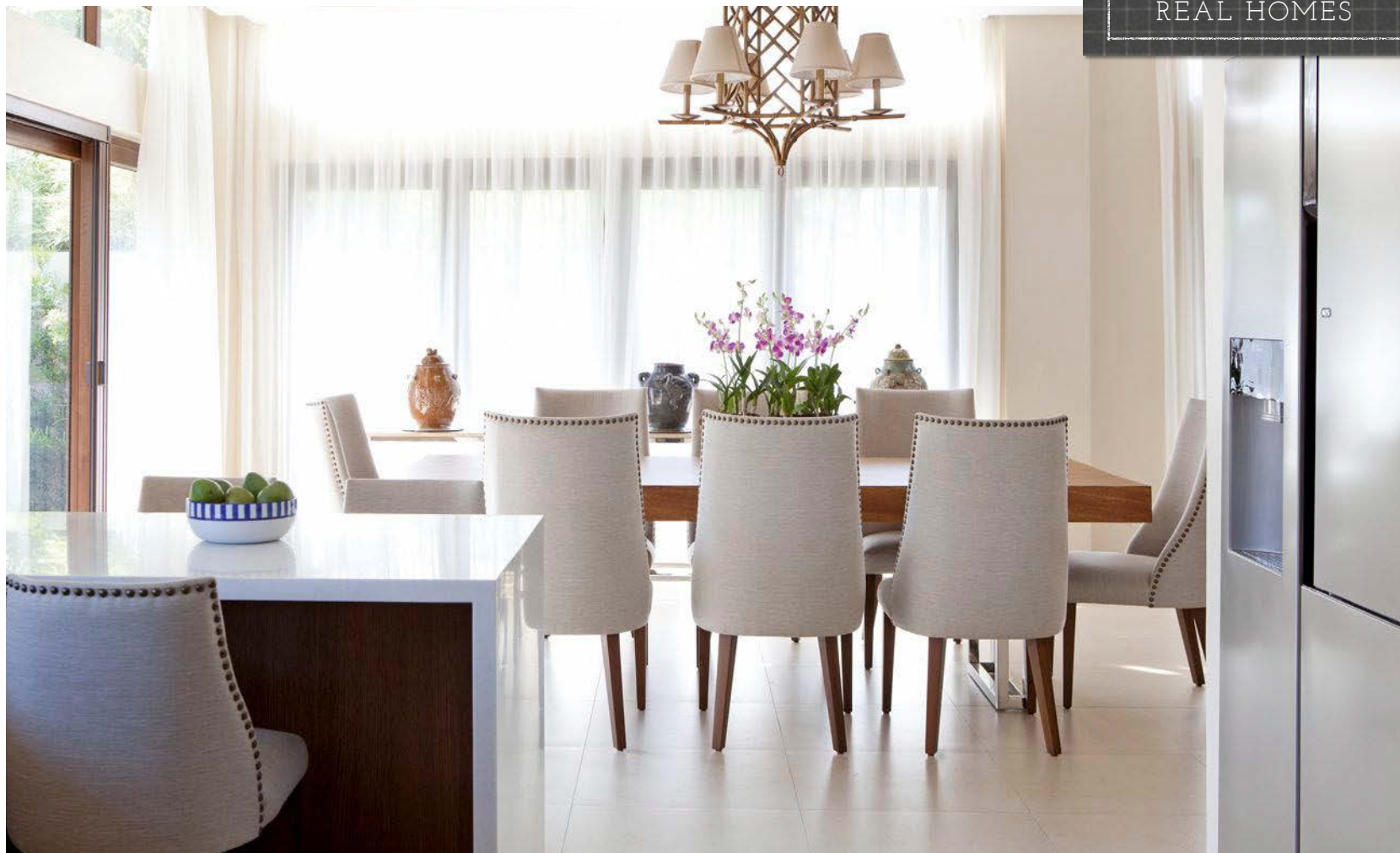
"IT'S BETTER TO HAVE  
A DESIGNER IN THE  
BEGINNING TO PLAN OUT  
THE OWNER'S NEEDS."



An Ivan Acuña painting—the family's personal favorite art work—greet guests at the foyer (seen through the door). Meanwhile, the woven bases of the coffee tables in the living area echo the ceiling pattern.







The homeowners like to keep family meals casual and cozy at the breakfast nook in the kitchen. A *banggerahan* (dish rack) is hidden below the elevated ledge.



A classy yet homey atmosphere greets you upon entering this two-story abode where a young family of four resides. A number of outstanding elements reveal that this is a Mañosa house: a generous amount of natural light streaming through the windows, homegrown materials used for the ceiling, and distinctly Filipino architectural details.

The homeowners decided to call this their home after renting a space-challenged townhouse. At first, their concern was how to keep a 500-sqm home clean, but they are slowly getting used to having more space to move around in since the house was turned over early this year.

Vivian Gacad, the couple's long-trusted interior designer, was already in the picture as early as the planning stage in 2013. Having previously designed the homeowners' condo properties, Vivian was the likely choice to work with the architects in ensuring that the family's needs are met.

"It's better to have a designer from the beginning, so at least you can lay out the floor plan according to the client's needs. Since I have known the client for a long time, I know their needs and their personality," Vivian shares.

During the construction, Vivian was able to help pinpoint specifics with regards to space appropriation





**LEFT** A lounge on the second floor provides a cozy reading spot for the young ones. The wall serves as a gallery for old family photos and various artwork.

**OPPOSITE PAGE** The pillows on the daybed in the den play up the colors of one of the family's treasured art pieces mounted on the wall.

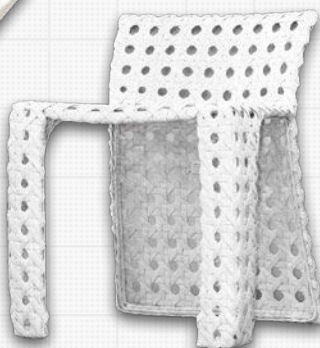
## SOLIHIA SECRETS

Incorporate this traditional Filipino woven technique into your home through these cool, updated pieces

**ROUNDABOUT.** For pinoy mad men. Swivel Chair, price upon request, Artekol, Tiendesitas



**ELEGANT EDGES.** Modern but tropical. Basilisa Table, price upon request, KISH, [www.kish.ph](http://www.kish.ph)



**HOLE IN ONE.** Works outdoors, too. Frog Solihiya Chair, price available upon request, Haute Design, G/L LRI Design Plaza



**IN AN OVAL.** Basilio Rattan Chair, P17,000, Locsin, [www.locsin.com](http://www.locsin.com)



# VIVIAN MIXED OLD AND NEW BY COMBINING ANTIQUE ELEMENTS WITH MODERN ITEMS

and other construction requirements. “It saved us from too-late realizations, and in a way, cost *na rin, kasi maraming babakbakin pag may kulang*. Even lighting and outlets should be factored in while you are doing the layout,” adds Vivian.

The *bahay kubo*-inspired house, which was designed by Gelo Mañosa, son of iconic architect Francisco “Bobby” Mañosa, has the signature elements of a traditional Filipino home, such as woven details, a pitched-roof, and a *banggerahan*, but made modern with streamlined forms that are hallmarks of a Mañosa design. Vivian says, “*Hindi na ito yung traditional na may mga ukit*, but it’s more streamlined. In the choice of throw pillows and fabrics, we went for modern patterns. For the furniture, we opted for those with simple lines but using local materials.”

Not one to stick to a single style, Vivian mixed the old and the new by combining these modern elements with antique items—a preference that the homeowners also share so that the look is “not too ancient, not too modern.” She took inspiration from the homeowners’ startup collection of paintings and fused the prominent colors into the home’s overall scheme.

More importantly, the homeowners’ unassuming character is reflected in their space, along with their personal taste. “The wife, in particular, knows *ano yung maganda*, but she needs help mixing it up. So *talagang tinatawagan niya ako. Sa colors*, they would make suggestions, and then I would work from there,” describes Vivian.

There are still a few blank walls waiting for the perfect painting. The homeowners have just started their art collection, and Vivian has advised them to wait patiently for the ones that will really speak to them. “It’s not a priority to have a good painting at this point, so rather than buy something so-so, I tell them it can wait.”

Although home trends change, Vivian says it’s possible for the look of the home to evolve as well, but she emphasizes: “The house is designed in such a way *na hindi siya maluluma*. It’s beautifully made.” **RL**



## {INTERIOR TALK}

### VIVIAN'S RL MEMORIES

When Vivian obtained her interior designer license in the early 2000s, there weren't a lot of design magazines available locally. “Clients considered it pure vanity to have an interior designer! If you weren't well connected, you would have a hard time getting clients. It came to a point wherein I seriously thought about going abroad,” she recalls.

But since *Real Living* asked her to take on various home makeover projects for the magazine and started featuring her residential projects in 2005, Vivian's phone wouldn't stop ringing. Clients were hiring her services left and right. “I was very blessed. I was thankful to be so busy!” exclaims Vivian, adding that the experience

enabled her to get to know people from all walks of life. “Sometimes, I would accept clients just because *mabait sila!* I would charge almost at cost *lang*. You have to give back professionally, in that way.”

Even while on hiatus, Vivian would still receive inquiries from those who came to know about her work through RL. Today, she says that the economy has improved, and homeowners have become more exposed to design styles, hence the increasing demand for interior design services.

“Real living isn't about going with the latest trend or what others perceive as cool and hip. It's about celebrating your personal style, so go ahead and flaunt it!”





**LEFT** The master bedroom is among the major areas that make this Mañosa house one-of-a-kind. Vivian says the look was inspired by the pages of Gelo Mañosa's book. This particular space is the homeowners' favorite, especially the anteroom and walk-in closet. The bedcover is from Bungalow300.

**OPPOSITE PAGE (TOP)** The homeowners' grade-school daughter is fond of green and pink, which explains the chevron-printed wallpaper that became the basis for the rest of the room's "girly princess look." Paper lanterns above the cushioned window seat create a picture-perfect setting that looks straight out of a storybook.

**OPPOSITE PAGE (BOTTOM)** Veering from a look that is too kiddie, the boy's room creates impact through the use of blues and whites combined with eye-catching stripes. Bright furniture and playful accessories on display can easily be replaced when the little ones are young no more.







A rattan peacock chair by Vito Selma gives the entryway a distinct Filipino-themed elegance.



1



2



3

## Details



**1 PINOY CLASSIC.** The bamboo-patterned chandelier from Maze Furniture in Pampanga sets off the woven leather ceiling in the dining area.

**2 DANGLING BEAUTIES.** Even this corner of the bathroom keeps to the modern Pinoy theme, with the combination of teardrop lights and ornate wood details.

**3 WOVEN STARS** A trio of open weave pendant lights from Locsin hangs above the staircase, accentuating the high ceiling.

THE CIRCULAR DETAILS ON THIS BUFFET TABLE FROM SOUTH SEA ([WWW.SOUTHSEA.PH](http://WWW.SOUTHSEA.PH)) MAKE FOR A GREAT CONVERSATION STARTER. MADE FROM SOLID ACACIA WOOD, THE TABLE IS ENHANCED BY THE ROUND PORTIONS CUT OUT FROM A TREE TRUNK.





**WALL WONDERS.** Bamboo Trellis Wallpaper by York, Grace Floral Wallpaper by York, Butterfly Wallpaper, all from Wallprints



**TIP**  
AVOID INSTALLING WALLPAPER ON A WALL NEAR AN AIR CONDITION VENT SO IT WON'T PEEL OFF EASILY.



**SUMMER DREAMS.** Vases, P600 (green), Mandaue Foam; P499.75 (orange), L'Indochine



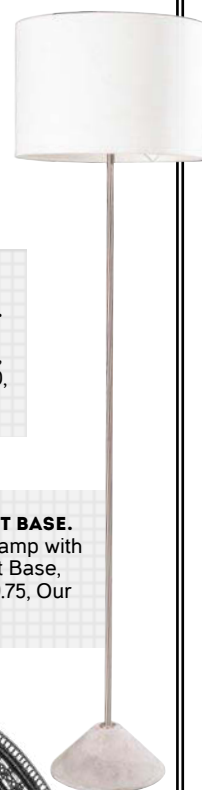
**PRISTINE WHITE.** Domocasa Kyrie Sofabed, price available upon request, Dexterton



**ORIENTAL FLAIR.** Rina Chest of Drawers, P54,500, Home Matters



**JEWEL TONES.** Table Lamp 7, P14,500, KISH



**CEMENT BASE.** Floor Lamp with Cement Base, P10,499.75, Our Home

## GET THE LOOK OF AN AIRY, MODERN-PINOY HOME

### WHERE TO BUY:

**DEXTERTON**  
157 SGT. E. RIVERA STREET,  
QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES  
TEL. (02) 362-1111  
WWW.DEXTERTON.COM

**HOME MATTERS**  
222 ORTIGAS AVE., GREENHILLS,  
SAN JUAN CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-0784  
MOBILE 0917-621-7945  
WWW.HOMEMATTERS.PH

**KISH**  
233 N. GARCIA ST.,  
MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 896-8366  
WWW.KISH.PH

**L'INDOCHINE**  
3/L SM AURA PREMIER,  
BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY,  
TAGUIG CITY  
TEL. (02) 808-5420  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
SHOPLINDOCHINE

**MANDAUE FOAM**  
489 SHAW BLVD.,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 234-1112  
WWW.MANDAUEFOAM.PH

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 634-1943  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**VITO SELMA**  
WWW.VITSELMA.COM

**WALL PRINTS**  
G/L J AND L BLDG., 251 EDSA,  
MANDALUYONG CITY  
TEL. (02) 726-8376



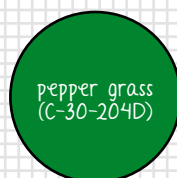
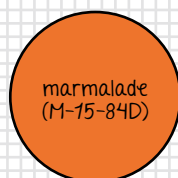
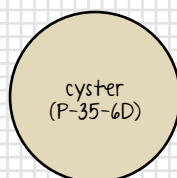
**MAD MEN STYLE.** Lounge Chair with Ottoman, P10,500, Mandaue Foam

**TIP**  
IF SPACE PERMITS, PLACE YOUR ACCENT CHAIR NEAREST THE DOORWAY FOR AN INSTANT CONVERSATION PIECE.



**LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!** Reina Accent Chair, price available upon request, Vito Selma

### { COLOR PALETTE }





A photograph of a wooden door with a decorative transom and a wooden chair in front of it. The door is made of dark wood and has a transom with a decorative pattern. Above the door is a decorative wooden lintel. To the right of the door is a wooden pillar. In front of the door is a wooden chair with a high back and armrests. The chair is made of dark wood. The background is a plain wall. The floor is covered with a patterned rug.

# TIMELESS TASTE

AWARD-WINNING FASHION  
DESIGNER FREDERICK  
PERALTA CREATES A  
HOMEY NEST WITH  
BEAUTIFUL HEIRLOOMS  
AND MEMORABLE PIECES

---

*photography* **DAIRY DARILAG**

---

*pictorial direction* **DAGNY MADAMBA**

---

*words* **KATHERINE LOPEZ**

---



"The dining table is actually my working table before, but it's really a dining table," says homeowner Frederick Peralta. "And then I matched it with Malaysian high chair. It's a good six-seater table." On one side of the dining area is a wine cabinet (not seen), which is never empty. Frederick says his friends often bring wine when there's a gathering at his place.





Frederick's living area is an epitome of balance and symmetry, and is furnished with timeless pieces, such as the two antique cabinets flanking the sofa and the *dulang* center table. Then, he simply added accessories. "The throw pillows, *na sobrang gustong-gusto ko yung design*, I got the fabric from Kamuning, and then I had them made," he says. "*Ibinabagay mo yung mga gamit mo doon sa lugar.*"

This huge door-turned-mirror was also present in Frederick's former home, which was featured in *Real Living's* August 2006 issue.



"YOUR HOUSE IS ALWAYS A REFLECTION OF YOU AS A PERSON."





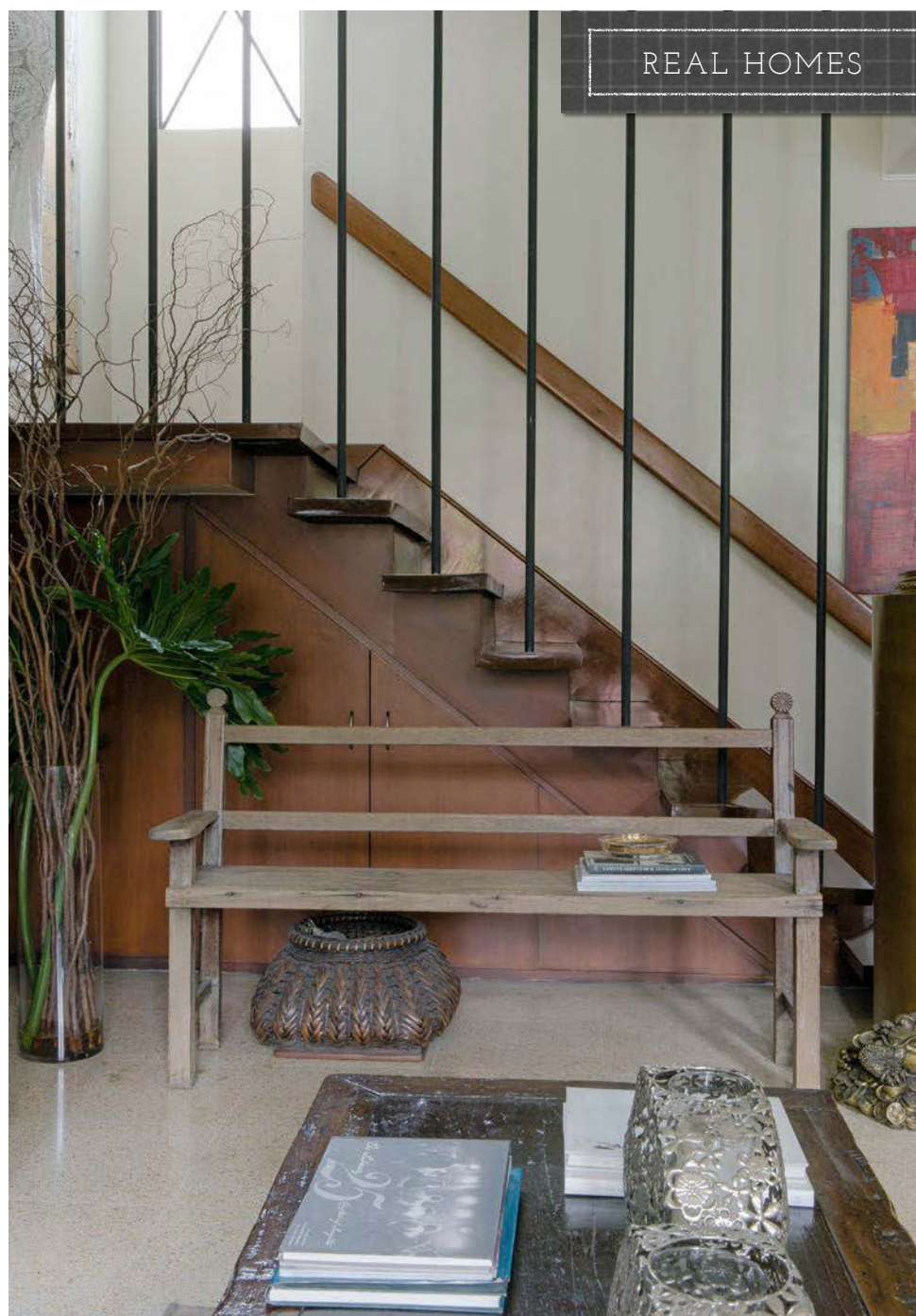
## {INTERIOR TALK}

**RL MEMORIES** Seasoned designer Frederick Peralta's houses and bed linen creations have been featured quite a bit on the pages of *Real Living*. Here, he shares with us those experiences.

**1. How does it feel to be featured in *Real Living*?** "Nakakahiya sometimes to be featured in magazines, but it's a way of sharing and educating people that no matter how small or big your place is, if it's well taken care of, you can live in it peacefully and happily. You will learn how to value things that you accumulate for your home or even for yourself, *kasi* you have a place to put these things in. It's really an honor to be featured in a magazine. Like me, as a designer, of course they're expecting for a place *na maayos*, a home to live in, or a workplace to live in."

**2. What are your future plans for your home?** "*Depende na lang yan* if there are new things in the stores. But me, I'm already so satisfied *na* with my things that through the years, they're still there and you can still use them. Some, I give to my friends, like *mga* sofas and other kitchenware. We're only a small family. I live with my son, my mother, and my *yaya*, so we don't need that much."

**3. What is real living for you?** "Real living for me is living by your means, living by your taste, living by your own lifestyle. And real living is when you can have a good peace of mind to appreciate your space—to look at it, to feel it, and to use it."



## REAL HOMES

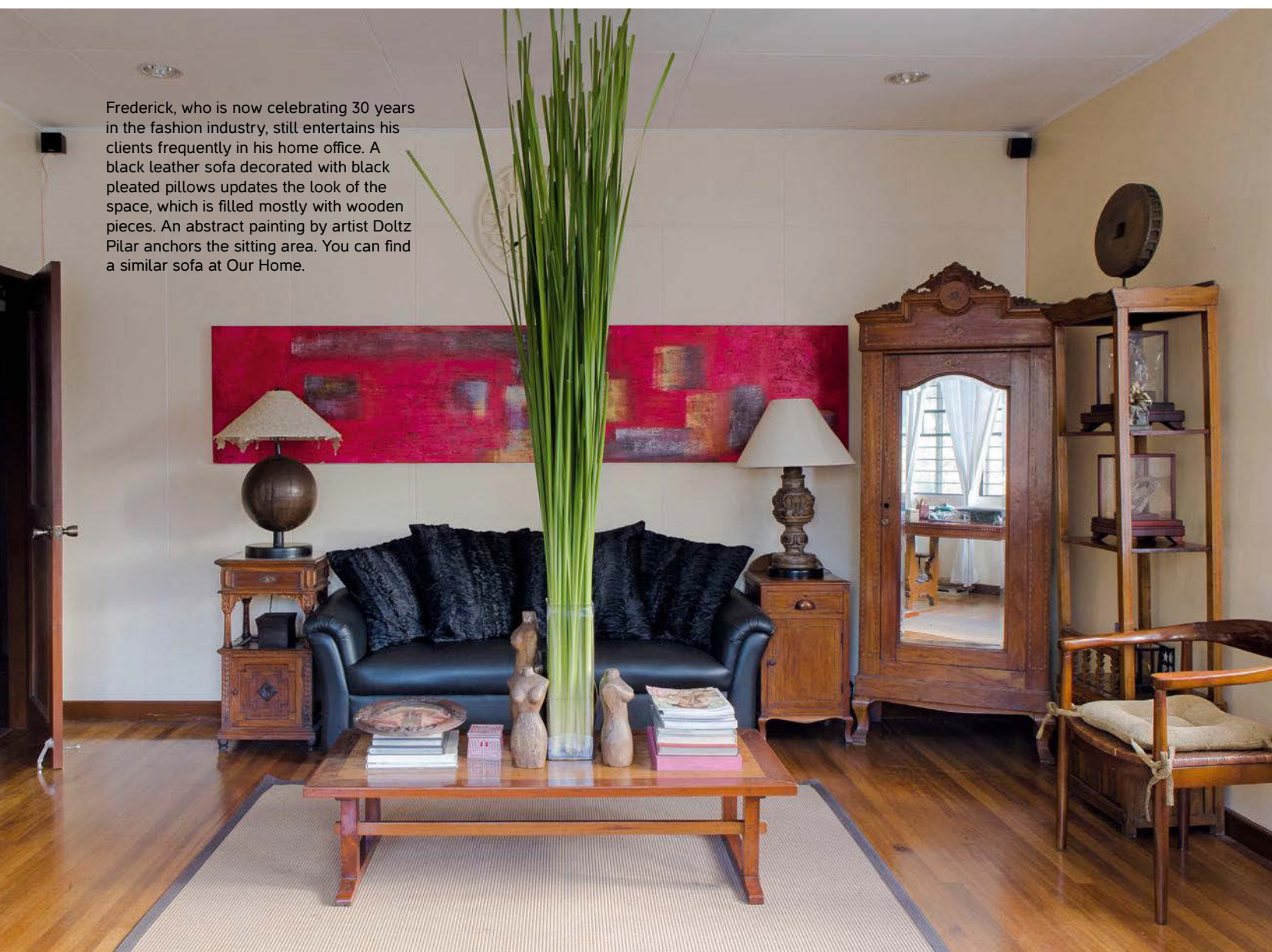
Beauty is not a foreign concept to celebrated Filipino fashion designer Frederick Peralta. After all, each dress he creates exudes class and sophistication, earning praises for both the wearer and the dress. His home, likewise, is something worthy of admiration and accolades.

"It's a fifties-style quadruplex," says Frederick of his Quezon City home, where he has already been staying for a year. He used to live in a three-door apartment, which was featured in *Real Living* August 2006, also in the same area. But now, that apartment will be demolished. "Of course, this is a new beginning. This is bigger than where I used to stay. I found this place with no sign of lease or rent. It so happened that...it was really like a blessing. I immediately fell in love with the place," he narrates.

Frederick says he no longer needed to do much to make the place stylish. He only needed to add his own furniture and accent pieces. He created a neo-classic Filipino interior that suits the architecture of the house. "I love wood. I love mirrors," says Frederick. "*Sa akin*, when you see yourself in the mirror, you see your reflection. You know what is wrong and what is right. The same thing I apply at home."



Frederick, who is now celebrating 30 years in the fashion industry, still entertains his clients frequently in his home office. A black leather sofa decorated with black pleated pillows updates the look of the space, which is filled mostly with wooden pieces. An abstract painting by artist Doltz Pilar anchors the sitting area. You can find a similar sofa at Our Home.



"NO MATTER HOW SMALL OR BIG YOUR PLACE IS, IF IT'S WELL TAKEN CARE OF, YOU CAN LIVE IN IT PEACEFULLY AND HAPPILY."

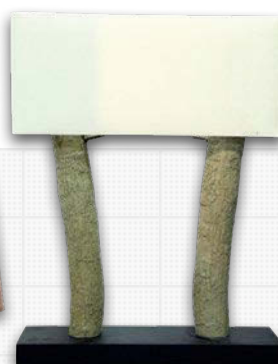
## LAMP LOVE

Add warmth and style to your home with these stylish lamps

**DESIGNER PIECE.** Display a functional art piece that boasts excellent craftsmanship with this lamp. Lamp with Wooden Base, P5,000, Studio 10.10, Suite 227, LRI Design Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St., Makati City

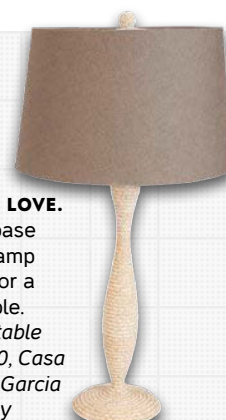


**GLASS BEAUTY.** With a clear base, this lamp doesn't look hefty. Lamp, P2,249.75, SM Home, at SM malls nationwide

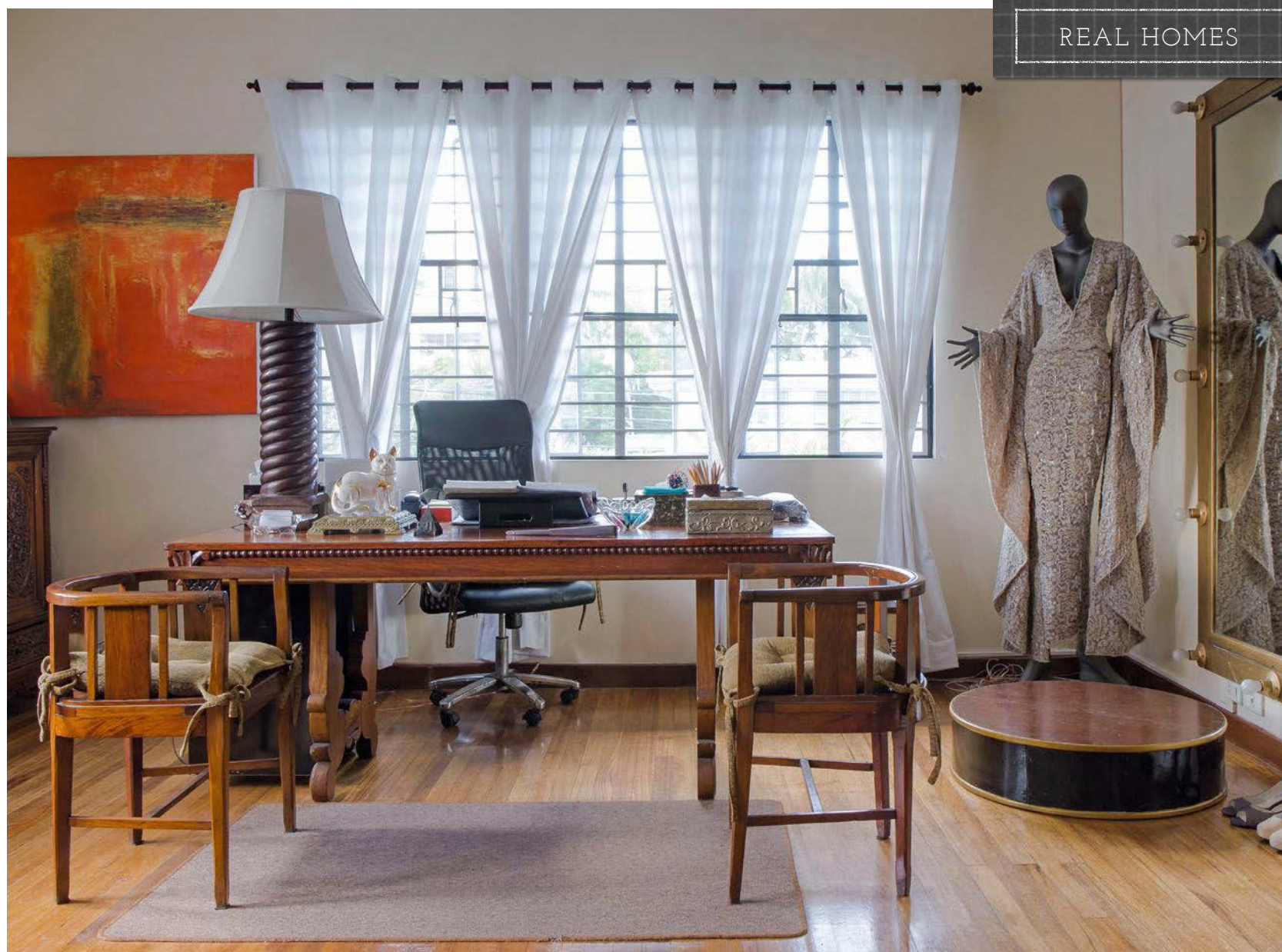


**UNIQUE TOUCH.** Add texture to your space with this lamp with driftwood base. Table Lamp, P12,495, Sifra Interiors and Objects, 3/L Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City

**WOVEN WITH LOVE.** The slender base of this table lamp makes it apt for a small side table. Coco Woven table Lamp, P14,500, Casa Ligna, 235 N. Garcia St., Makati City







A six-seater table now serves as Frederick's desk. A seven-foot mirror and a round platform make up Frederick's fitting stage. Frederick's home office is one of the most well-ventilated rooms in the house. "*Gusto ko yung wind at tsaka yung light. In the daytime, kahit hindi ka gumamit ng kuryente, it's so practical. Tapos malakas ang ventilation, so you don't really need to use air con every day,*" he says.

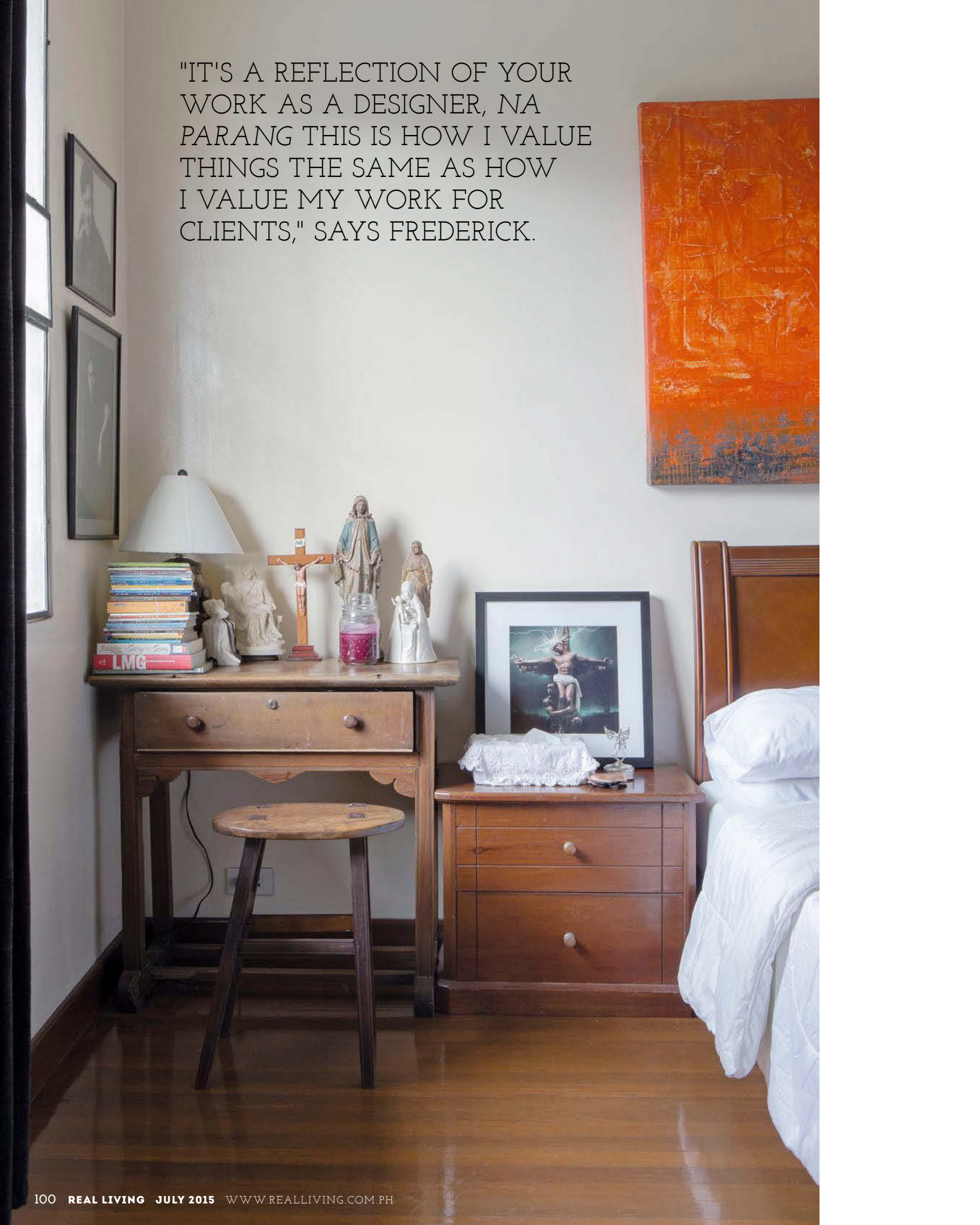


Hence, a huge mirror anchors Frederick's living area, where you can see the reflection of both the living and dining areas. The living area is filled with antiques and wooden pieces that Frederick has accumulated since he was starting out as a designer. Some of them are gifts, while some are pieces that Frederick bought or had customized. "*Yan yung mga naitabi kong mga gamit. Binili ko sila because I know one day, I'll have a bigger house,*" he says. Larger-than-life mannequins donned in Frederick's elegant gowns grace each corner of the living area, adding color and mirroring the room's palette and style.

Right next to the living area is the dining area, which can be closed off with a sliding door. "*Pag mainit,* we turn on the air conditioner," says Frederick, who loves to entertain clients and host dinners for his friends. "*Usually, may mga advocacy rin kami, like we feed the children of Mother Teresa. Sometimes, we meet ng mga designers to have a discussion about fashion events. Sometimes, they practice here para sa shows. It's a homey place to discuss things about our work, and very accessible yung area,*" Frederick adds. A door on one side of the dining area leads to the kitchen.



"IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOUR  
WORK AS A DESIGNER, NA  
PARANG THIS IS HOW I VALUE  
THINGS THE SAME AS HOW  
I VALUE MY WORK FOR  
CLIENTS," SAYS FREDERICK.





Frederick loves white bed linens. “I also design linens. I have a line of linens for SM, which is actually Canadian Beddings by Frederick Peralta,” he says. Two side tables flank the bed, where an antique lamp, a religious image, and other décor are displayed. (This page) The black curtain by the door adds extra privacy to the bedroom. The *solihya* bin is a clothes hamper.



“The bathroom is basic. It has a shower. *May* partition *lang*, which is actually in the middle. *Simple lang*. I put some artificial flower for decoration,” says Frederick. “Very refreshing *siya*.”



Upstairs are Frederick’s home office and bedroom. Antique pieces, like a *dulang* (a 19<sup>th</sup> century Filipino low table), an *aparador*, and some chairs, also pepper Frederick’s home office. One of the most striking corners in the room is a circular platform in front of a huge mirror with light bulbs on its frame—a perfect spot for client fittings.

Next to Frederick’s office is his private sanctuary. From the door, black, velvet twill fabric curtains shield the bed from plain view. White bed linen adds to the relaxing feel, softening the look of the room, which is characterized by an abundance of wooden pieces. Meanwhile, black canvas curtains dress up the window and help keep out harsh light.

For Frederick, a good home is important because it is important to take care of your surroundings. “It’s a reflection of your work as a designer, *na parang* this is how I value things the same as how I value my work for clients. Your house is always a reflection of who you are as a person,” he says. And what you see in Frederick’s house is not just beauty, but also his creative genius, admirable work ethic, and his warm and hospitable personality. **RL**





1



2



3



4

**1. BOOK LOVER.** Stacks of design books fill Frederick's coffee table in the living area. These books form interesting vignettes along with other accessories that Frederick has on display.

**2. WRITE AWAY.** Newly sharpened pencils and other materials are all neatly placed on Frederick's desk. "As much as possible, all things should be in order. *Ikaw rin kasi mahihirapan* if they're not properly placed," says Frederick.

**3. PIN IT.** Colorful pins on a purple pin cushion add a playful touch to Frederick's wooden desk.

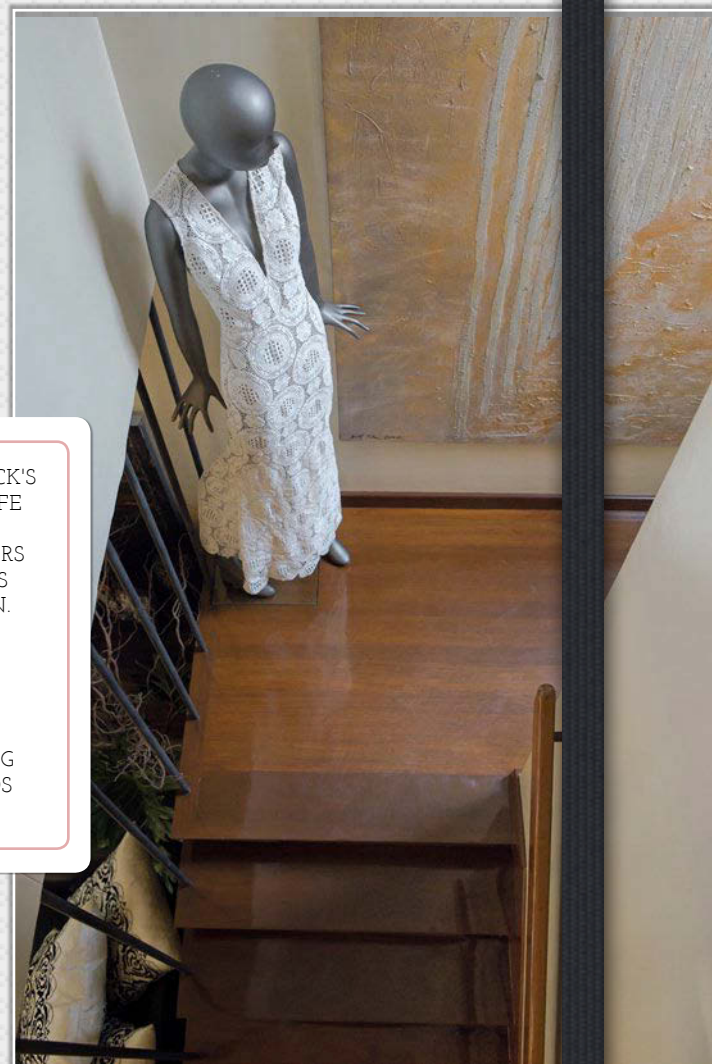
**4. BODY BEAUTIFUL.** Antique wooden torsos are displayed on the coffee table at Frederick's home office. Find similar accessories at Dapitan Arcade, Dapitan cor. Kanlaon Sts., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City.

## Details

**CROWNING GLORY.** A former Ms. Earth candidate gave this huge headpiece to Frederick as a token five years ago. "She borrowed a gown, and when she returned the gown, she gave me her headdress, which is very intricate and heavy. I was very thankful because *maganda siyang accent*," says the designer.



ONE OF FREDERICK'S LARGER-THAN-LIFE MANNEQUINS GRACES THE STAIRS AND SHOWCASES A RECENT GOWN. "I DON'T WANT AN ORDINARY MANNEQUIN," SAYS FREDERICK. "AT LEAST HINDI NAKASAYAD ANG GOWNS," HE ADDS WITH A LAUGH.







**ART IN THE PARK.** Oil Painting, P1,995, Our Home



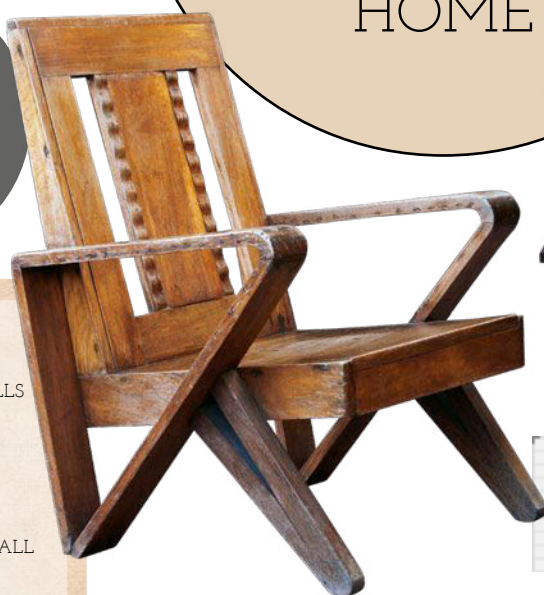
**FOUNTAIN OF LIGHT.** Fontana Lamp, P5,499.75, Our Home

**TIP**  
SUCCULENTS ARE A REFRESHING ADDITION TO A ROOM. CORRAL THEM IN STYLISH CONTAINERS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.



**BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED.** Succulents, P1,500 (single); P5,500 (glazed pot), KISH

**TIP**  
THE CLASSICS WILL NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE, SO HAVE YOUR OLD FURNITURE PIECES REFURBISHED BY REPUTABLE DEALERS.



**WHERE TO BUY:**

**ACE HARDWARE**  
AT ALL LEADING SM MALLS NATIONWIDE

**GALERIE ASTRA**  
2/L LRI DESIGN PLAZA, N. GARCIA ST, MAKATI CITY

**OUR HOME**  
LG/L BLDG. A, SM MEGAMALL MANDALUYONG CITY

**KISH**  
233 N. GARCIA ST, MAKATI CITY  
TEL. (02) 896 8366

**KABISAYAAN ANTIQUE**  
2/L HANDICRAFTS VILLAGE, TIENDESITAS, PASIG CITY  
MOBILE 0908-938-2977



**TASTEFUL IN TAUPE.** Taupe Floral Pillowcase, P899, H&M Home; P649.75, Our Home



**CERAMIC SHINE.** Ramoscelli Ceramic Stool, P7,999.75, Our Home



**FEMININE FORM.** The Callisthenics Décor, P7,995, Our Home

**GET THE LOOK OF A DRAMATIC FILIPINIANA HOME**

**CANDLE ON THE WATER.** Kasmir White Candle Holder, P999.75 (tall); P649.75 (small), both from Our Home



**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY.** Dancing Figurine by Ferdinand Cacio, price available upon request, Galerie Astra



**DIGNIFIED SEATING.** Ambassador Chair, price available upon request, Kabisayaan Antique

**{ COLOR PALETTE }**





# FINISHING TOUCHES

## Giving Back

SGC, one of Southeast Asia's biggest industrial conglomerate, and Mariwasa team up to build the SGC Training Center, the first outside of Thailand. Located within the Mariwasa factory in Batangas, the center aims to develop skills related to construction such as installing tiles, roofing, bathrooms, walls, and ceilings. It also targets to enhance service skills of service personnel. The short training course is TESDA-accredited and will be offered to select construction workers, SGC employees, and frontliners.



Groundbreaking Ceremony in Mariwasa Siam Ceramics, Inc. Factory in Sto. Tomas, Batangas with Emille Maramag, VP Finance and Administration, Dennis Reyes, Brgy. Captain of Sto. Tomas, Batanags, Phaskorn Buranawit, President, Jakkrit Suwanlip, VP Sales and Marketing, and Siwarak Khaengpenkhae, AVP Corporate Human Resources.

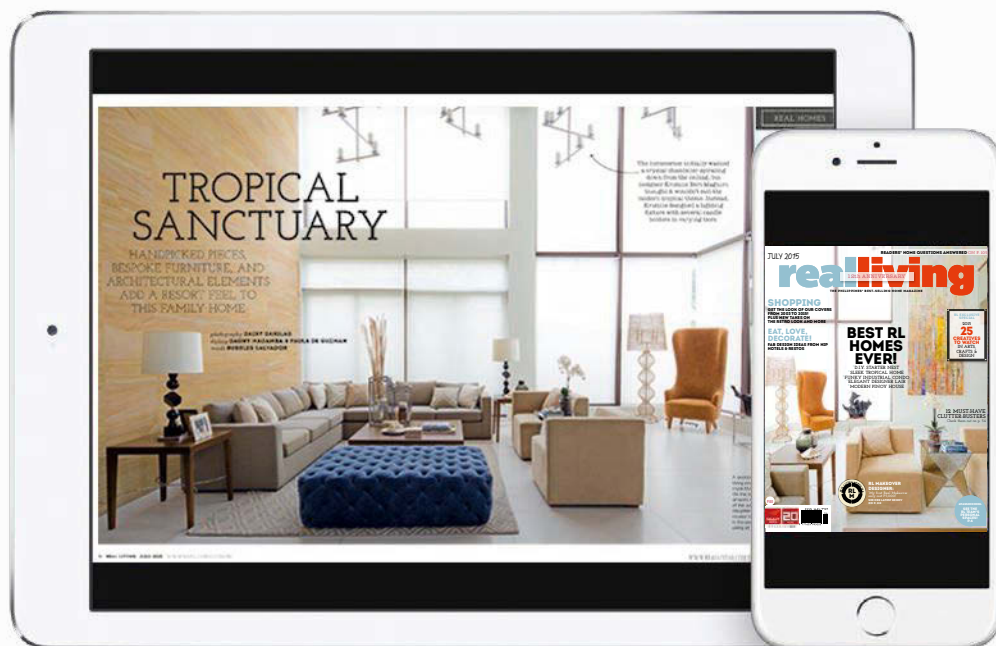
## Bathe and Relax

Take a shower with American Standard's Active Expose Bath and Shower Fitting. Designed by award-winning design studio Artefakt, it features high-quality plating on brass body, ergonomic handles, and a single function hand spray with metal hose to ease water flow even with low pressure. It also has an inner aerator at the spout to ease water flow. There's no need to worry about lead content as it is made with Family Health lea extraction technology. Everything you need for a shower to jumpstart and end the day.



For more information, call (02) 893 6065 or (02) 893 3113, visit [americanstandard.com.ph](http://americanstandard.com.ph)

## GET INSPIRATION FROM HUNDREDS OF AWESOME DESIGN IDEAS RIGHT WHEN YOU NEED IT.



Download the  
**realiving** app now!



# realliving Notebook

## Readers' home questions—answered!

In this 12th anniversary special, we answer RL readers' most popular decorating FAQs, share our all-time-fave home finds, and reveal the secrets of creating a Real Home

PHOTOGRAPHY ANASTASSIOS MENTIS/GETTY IMAGES  
WORDS & PRODUCTION KATHERINE LOPEZ & TALA SINGSON



# July 2015

## RL Notebook Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	<div>ACID LIME</div> <div>YELLOW RING</div> <div>GRAY ASHES</div> <div>AEGEAN SEA</div> <div>RAMIE</div>	PALETTE OF THE MONTH: A WALK IN THE PARK all from Nippon Paints		 <div>Lewis Lime Pendant Lamp, price available upon request, Match</div>		Propaganda Exhibit at The Lopez Museum-last day. Visit lopez-museum.com for info.
5		7	8	9	10	11
		 <div>Parson Side Table, P5,995, Our Home</div>			MEGA BRANDS SALE Until July 12 Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City	Aiko Tezuka's "Unraveling" Textile Exhibit Until July 19 Ayala Museum
12		14	15	16	17	18
Elliot Armchair, P19,900, Space Encounters				SHDA ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR Until July 19 Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City	6TH PHILIPPINE BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEUR EXPO Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City	
		21	22	23	24	25
			MANILA FOODS AND BEVERAGES EXPO (MAFBEX) Until July 26 World Trade Center, Pasay City	 <div>Umbra Shift Stool, P16,710, Dimensione</div>		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
				 <div>Graphic Pillow, P799.75, Our Home</div>		



# BATHROOM FAQs

A BATHROOM MAY BE ONE OF THE SMALLEST ROOMS IN THE HOUSE, BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE DEVOID OF LOVE. HERE ARE TIPS FROM INTERIOR DESIGNER HANNAH ACAB-FAUSTINO ON HOW TO CREATE A COMFORTABLE AND STYLISH LOO.

- 1. The grout in my bathroom has become dark, even if I clean it often. Is it time to re-grout?**  
"Tiles should be properly grouted and regularly disinfected."
- 2. My new bathroom has started to smell funky. What do you suggest I deodorize it with?**  
"Use scents like perfumed soap, aroma scents, scented candles, and the like. When possible, put plants that can also act as natural filter."
- 3. Do all bathrooms have to be white? I'd like an all-black or gray bathroom.** "Dark colors may be used, especially for the flooring so dirt won't be easily seen. But make sure that there are also bright areas to tone down the gloom."

*"Personally, I prefer neutral colors with various textures, and at most, mixed with accent colors. I try to relate the accent colors with some of the accessories placed in the same area for harmony."* — interior designer Hannah Acab-Faustino



- 1. Jar with Lid,** P699, H&M Home
- 2. Floral Shower Curtain,** P999, H&M Home
- 3. Hot and Cold Baths Bathmat,** P899, H&M Home
- 4. Voluspa Chestnut and Vetiver Candle,** P1,180, Dimensione
- 5. Strap Mirror,** price upon request, Hay



"I usually tell my students not to 'punish' plants by making them face the corner of the wall. Oftentimes, plants are just used to soften corners of the rooms, symmetrically laid out, which make them appear 'being punished' at the corner of a room." —Hannah Acab-Faustino



1



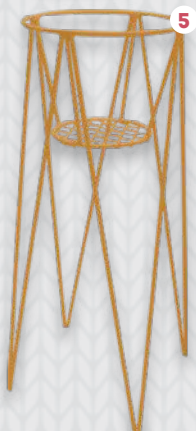
2



3



4



5

1. Concrete Flower Pots, prices upon request, Hay
2. Two-tone Copper Glass Vase, P199, H&M Home
3. Bulb Planter, P319.75, True Value; Mist Sprayer, P880, AC+632
4. Herb Planter, price upon request, H&M Home
5. Geometric Planter, P2,700, Heima



## INDOOR GARDENING FAQS

EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SPRAWLING LAWN, YOU CAN STILL CREATE YOUR OWN GARDEN. HEED HANNAH'S DESIGNER TIPS WHEN ADDING SOME GREENS TO YOUR HOME.

### 1. Should I already have my house plant-scaped along with its interior?

Make plants part of the whole space from the start. "If you are putting plants (which you should) in an interior, integrate it with the whole interior, and not just as an afterthought when designed rooms look bare."

### 2. How can I incorporate greens if I only live in a condo unit?

Decorate corners with plants. "Put plants on pedestals that you can locate in corners of rooms. You may also integrate plants with some of your tabletop accessories on console tables or coffee tables, or as a dining centerpiece. For kitchen spaces, you can have an herb container that you can place near windows."

### 3. How do I arrange my indoor plants? Go for a casual arrangement.

"Arrange them in odd numbers and asymmetrically, so they appear to be more natural."



# BAG STORAGE FAQs

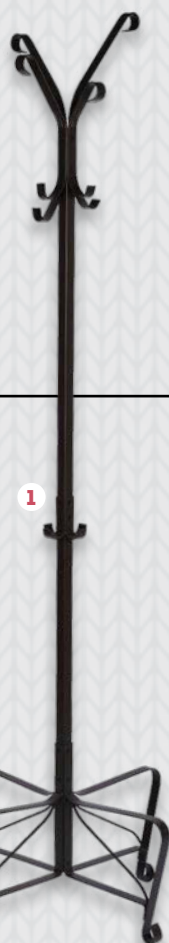
ARE YOU A BAG HAG? YOU DON'T HAVE TO DROWN IN A SEA OF TOTES, PURSES, AND CLUTCHES. HERE ARE TIPS FROM INTERIOR DESIGNER HANNAH ACAB-FAUSTINO ON HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR HANDBAGS AT HOME.

**1. I have dozens of bags. How do I keep them under control?** Create a system. "Try to have a storage that makes it easy for you to see your options. Avoid putting them one on top of the other, because it will be harder to select. Likewise, your bags might get deformed."

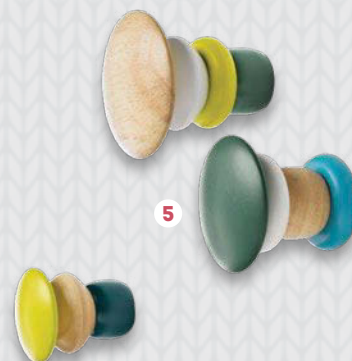
**2. I store my bags in my closet. However, I find it impossible to find my bags when I get dressed in the morning.** Segregate your bags. "If possible, arrange them according to color or even material. For leather goods, it's best to air them once in awhile rather than storing them in closed containers."

**3. What's an alternative way of storing bags?** "For bags that you regularly use, you can hang them on nice racks, or attach pegs on a wall for your bag display. Just a word of caution: do not display too many to avoid clutter."

**4. I'd like to show off my designer bags. How can I display them as a collection?** Showcase them in display cases. "For small bags that you occasionally use, put them in display cases, stylishly arranged together with some of your items in open shelves."



1. Hat and Coat Rack, P2,800, Möbler
2. Totes by Sebastian Wrong, prices available upon request, Hay
3. Beam Anthracite Hooks, price available upon request, Hay
4. Woven Baskets, find similar at ID Furniture
5. Peg Hooks, prices available upon request, Bo Concept





**"AMERICAN STANDARD FITTINGS.**

My parents had them in their house, and the fixtures survived forty-five years! It's a very durable brand, and I'd recommend it to anyone."

—Rachelle Medina, editor in chief; American Standard Shower System, price upon request, Wilcon Depot



**"TEA LIGHT CANDLE HOLDER.**

I love this piece because the bronze shade of the metal serves as a great accent piece for my plain white bathroom."

—Bea Perdigon, editorial assistant, RL Web; Tea Light Holder, P1,190, H&M Home



"If there's one item that's forever on my wish list, it's the **KITCHEN AID MIXER** in robin's egg blue or pink! In my head, I have this fantasy of wanting my dream house to smell like freshly baked goodies all the time." — Paula de Guzman, editorial assistant; Kitchen Aid Mixer, P28,290, Rustan's Department Store

## RL STAFF'S TOP PICKS

Here are the RL team's favorite home finds—from home scents to accessories, to appliances and fixtures



"I love coming home to the sweet and **CALMING SCENT OF DALANDAN**. It helps relieve stress so I can have a good night's sleep." —Cielo Calzado, managing editor, RL Web; Dalandan Reed Diffuser Set, P699.75, Kultura Filipino



**"WOVEN BASKETS.** Our place is quite small and gets cluttered easily so I rely on baskets to hide our small items. Plus, our space looks cozier and homier with these around." —Dagny Madamba, style editor; Woven Baskets, find similar at Make Room & More, Bonifacio High Street



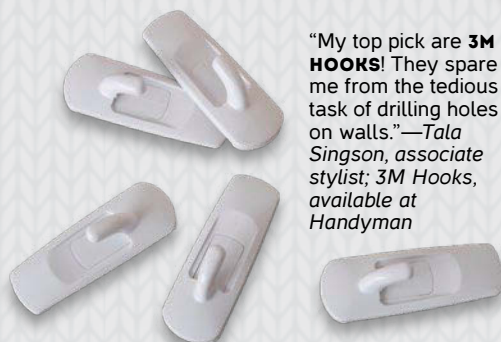
"I love **PHILIPS' LED BULBS** because they're energy-saving, not glaring, and long-lasting. I believe every home should switch to LEDs, and Philips is the right choice." —Katherine Lopez, associate features editor; Philips LED Bulbs, P349.75 for set of three (5 watts), True Value



"This **KUBULAR COFFEE TABLE** is the perfect rustic-industrial piece that will update our living area. This is definitely on my must-have list this year!" —Sunshine Selga Funa, managing editor; Gene Coffee Table, price available upon request, Kubular



"I love the **HAND-CROCHETED POUFS BY MILVIDAS** made by the women of the Gawad Kalinga AYA Village in Parañaque. When you buy their products, you help provide more livelihood opportunities and a better life for the Gawad Kalinga families." —Therese Dehesa, associate section editor, RL Web; www.facebook.com/milvidasgk



"My top pick are **3M HOOKS**! They spare me from the tedious task of drilling holes on walls." —Tala Singson, associate stylist; 3M Hooks, available at Handyman

### WHERE TO BUY:

**5CORNERS**  
WWW.5CORNERSHOME.COM

**CRATE & BARREL; HOME MATTERS**  
4/L MEGA FASHION HALL, SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY

**HANDYMAN**  
WWW.HANDYMAN.COM.PH

**LA SEDIA**  
4/L EASTWOOD MALL, LIBIS, QUEZON CITY

**KUBULAR**  
KUBULAR.COM

**KULTURA**  
WWW.KULTURA.COM.PH

**LA SEDIA**  
4/L EASTWOOD MALL, LIBIS, QUEZON CITY

**OUR HOME**  
WWW.OURHOME.PH

**PHILUX**  
WWW.PHILUX.PH

**TRUE VALUE**  
WWW.TRUEVALUE.COM.PH

**WILCON**  
WWW.WILCON.COM.PH





"For me, a 'real living home' is exactly what the name suggests. It is direct to the point, no pretenses, and it must function not only as a place of shelter. A 'real living home' embodies all the qualities of a home—warm, must encourage family togetherness and bonding, practical and useful, personalized or unique, and inspiring."



## CREATING THE RL HOME

INTERIOR DESIGNER HANNAH ACAB-FAUSTINO SHARES HOW YOU CAN LET YOUR HOME SPEAK OF YOUR PERSONALITY AND TELL YOUR STORY

**\*Know what story you want to share.** "You must know who you are and what you value in life. While there are so many good interiors that people see, and design ideas are practically accessible not only in prints but also in the web and everywhere else, homeowners must know that publications are there to guide them and to give them some ideas, but hopefully

not to the point of replicating what has already been done."

**\*Use pegs and inspirations only as references.** "If people get into the habit of just copying what has already been done, then what personal story is there to share?"

**\*Identify your needs, so your space can address them.** "Every interior space, whether residential

or commercial, is unique. There is always a different design problem. Therefore, knowing and understanding your needs and being able to come up with a space that addresses one's personal present and future needs will definitely result in personalized spaces."

**\*Use accessories to enhance a space, and not to overwhelm it.** "Designers

are always guided by elements and principles, which aid us in every design problem. Accessories are the punctuation mark of designing spaces. Choosing accessories well, knowing where to put them, how many to put, and coming up with a good composition with a story to tell are my guiding principles in accessorizing spaces."



# BRIGHT & SUNNY

A GENERIC-LOOKING STARTER NEST  
GETS GUSSIED UP WITH HAPPY COLORS  
AND A STELLAR LAYOUT



AFTER



*interiors*  
**KAT VILLANUEVA-LOPEZ**  
*photography*  
**MICHAEL ANGELO CHUA**  
*styling*  
**TALA SINGSON  
& PAULA DE GUZMAN**  
*words*  
**SUNSHINE SELGA FUNA**

These are actually  
hampers from  
Robinsons, which can  
also be used as ottomans  
for extra seating.

BEFORE





AFTER

The living area is now more defined, thanks to furniture from Robinsons Department Store and Handyman, like the side tables and coffee table. Kat also separated the bulky sofa that was reupholstered in blue fabric. A section of it is now in the reading corner. (Opposite) Dog mats from Handyman are repurposed as screens.

BEFORE

SOME HOMES ARE RIDDLED WITH CLUTTER, while some are too organized that they border on looking boring. The latter applies to Jamie Endaya's starter nest. Though Jamie admits to hoarding stuff, her home still lacks the personality and coziness she wants for her young family. "We were focusing on accumulating stuff instead of focusing on the house," says Jamie.

But that's not to say that the lady of the house has no idea of what she wants for her home. In fact, she has a clear picture of how she wants it to look like. "She had a peg, which was very helpful... very visual *yung* conversation *namin*. It was very easy to do," says interior designer Kat Villanueva-Lopez. "I requested for blue and yellow... I told her I want a unified look," recalls Jamie.

Before Kat proceeded to ticking off Jamie's requests, the designer made sure to first address what was needed. "It was too open. When you enter the front door, you see everything," Kat says of her first impression of Jamie's home. She immediately knew that she had to define the areas she was tasked to redecorate: the living area, which sported only an old, enormous sofa; and the play area, which was located under the stairs.

The bulky sofa, which still has good bones, was reupholstered in blue curtain fabric, which Kat sourced from Robinsons Department Store. She then added two side tables from Handyman, and these flank the sofa. On these tables are geometric-base lamps (from Robinsons Department Store) that give the area some mood lighting come evening. Completing the living area setup are ottomans that Kat arranged to form a round coffee table. These ottomans are actually clothes hampers from Robinsons, but they also function as storage spaces for the toys of Jamie's five-year-old son Aki.

AFTER





KAT VILLANUEVA-LOPEZ HAS BEEN ONE OF REAL LIVING'S GO-TO DESIGNERS SINCE ITS FIRST FEW ISSUES! HERE, SHE SHARES HER FONDEST RL MEMORIES.

★ HER FIRST REAL MAKEOVER PROJECT:

"The first was a bedroom, and the budget was five thousand pesos! It was challenging in a way na I became more of an organizer and a crafter."

**FAVORITE MAKEOVER:** "It was a multipurpose room. Half of it was a child's room, half was the mom's home office. And they do home schooling. So yung isang part of the room, she wanted a floating bed for her kid. The steps, may storage underneath. Yung closet niya, under her bed. And then may sofa pa under the bed. Under that sofa are toys. Then sa other side of the room, andun yung office nung mom—her desk, her books, her computer. Then on one side, may bookshelf for their books then a round table. Ang dami kong nagawa, ang saya!"

**LEARNING EXPERIENCE:** Kat happily says that doing makeovers has pushed her to become more creative. "And it's exciting, kasi here's the budget, here's the timeline, tapos, okay, go! Para siyang Amazing Race! It's fast. It's nice to see results right away. With other clients, relaxed. Kahit next year pa matapos 'yan, okay lang. Natapos na yung pintura pero walang furniture. Hindi mo makikita yung finished product. Dito, finished na agad. It's very gratifying."



BEFORE

"We have professionally taken pictures since 2008. Every year 'yan, pero I cannot commit to displaying everything. So when Kat got the frames, na-force ako magpa-print. Now I like na I get to see them every day. And it's not difficult to change the pictures," says Jamie of this sunny wall.



The play area under the stairs became a more organized library, thanks to built-in shelves that Kat had made. What used to be a bare wall in the small nook now sports a dainty damask wallpaper in blue and white (from Handyman). This wall extends to the family's new gallery wall—a blank, white surface that Kat had repainted in bright yellow. The cheery hue is complemented with a grouping of white photo frames (from Robinsons Department Store) also in damask-like patterns—an eye-catching way to display the many photos of the family.

Even the dining area got a little makeover: Kat had the six-seater dining table extended to accommodate eight people (four chairs from Robinsons

Department Store and the four ottomans-turned-coffee table serve as seats), while pendant lamps from Handyman replaced the old lighting piece above it. There's also Kat's most ingenious "innovation" in this makeover: the blue, grid-like panels that divide the dining area and kitchen from the rest of the spaces are actually dog mats. These also serve as the Endayas' gallery wall for their own artwork that they can hang without having to drill onto their concrete walls.

When asked which spot is her favorite, Jamie replies, "Parang ang hirap pumili! But if I have to, it's this gallery wall." And with a living space that now boasts more personality and interesting vignettes, you really can't put a finger on just one favorite spot.





BEFORE



AFTER

While this play area for Aki was kept organized, it still lacked proper storage spaces to hold his many books. To solve this, Kat had built-in cabinets installed. Blue-and-white damask wallpaper from Handyman creates a sweet backdrop for this nook. "We've decided *na yung* bottom shelf is really for our bags. Now we have a drop-off point for our keys, wallet, and loose change," Jamie gushes.



## how much it costs

### LABOR AND OTHER MATERIALS

Labor and assorted construction materials  
P25,000\*

### FROM HANDYMAN

Lights, paints, and other construction materials  
P30,000

### FROM ROBINSONS DEPARTMENT STORE

Pillows, linens, and accessories  
P40,000

**Grand Total**  
P95,000

\*DESIGNER'S FEE NOT INCLUDED

## ABOUT THE DESIGNER



**KAT VILLANUEVA-LOPEZ** focuses her design know-how on residential projects. A graduate of Interior Design from the University of the Philippines-Diliman, Kat makes sure to identify and assign a purpose to a designated space as a means of efficient designing.



**JAMIE ENDAYA**, A RECRUITMENT MANAGER FOR A BPO COMPANY, HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS DUPLEX TOGETHER WITH HER HUSBAND FRANCO, A DISTRIBUTION MANAGER FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY, AND THEIR FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON AKI.

Ready for your own makeover? Contact Kat Villanueva-Lopez at 0917-324-0405, or email her at xavi826@yahoo.com.



REAL ESTATE LISTING

# Luxe living

WITH THEIR POSH AMENITIES AND FEATURES, THESE ARE THE ADDRESSES TO SEE AND BE SEEN IN

SKY  
VILLAS



## ROCKWELL

### PROSCENIUM

As you enter the "city within a city," the Proscenium will welcome you with cascading water feature, commanding luxury and prime exclusivity. Designed by the world-renowned architect Carlos Ott, who designed the Bastille Opera House in France, the four towers feature distinct cuts—from penthouses with three-bedrooms to studio types. Aside from pools, private lawns, and game rooms, Proscenium is also equipped with a gym for the exclusive use of its residents.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **ROCKWELL CENTER, MAKATI CITY**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

CONTACT DETAILS: **ROCKWELL LAND**

TEL. **(02) 793-0088**

URL: **WWW.ROCKWELL.COM/PROSCENIUM**

## CENTURY PROPERTIES

### CENTURY SPIRE

Live in style at Century Spire, the latest addition to the iconic skyscrapers of Century Properties. With architecture by Pritzker Prize-winner Daniel Libeskind and quietly rich interiors by Armani/Casa, this tower is an architectural marvel with its three interlocking segments that boast tastefully designed interiors. Because of the playful geometric layout, you get an exceptional view of the Makati skyline right outside your window. And with Century City Mall as your next-door neighbor, you get to marry style and convenience in your living space.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**

LOCATION: **MAKATI CITY**

PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

CONTACT DETAILS: **CENTURY PROPERTIES, TEL.**

**(02) 793-5500, 893-6806; MOBILE 0917 555-5274**

URL: **WWW.CENTURYSPIRE.COM**

## ORTIGAS AND COMPANY

### THE IMPERIUM

Live the dream and build your empire in the simple yet elegant architecture of The Imperium. With its circular form, beamless ceilings, and generous cuts (there are only four units per floor), each unit boasts enough space for you to fill up. Ventilation and illumination are also not an issue with its trapezoidal-canted windows and its light shelf, allowing

words PAULA DE GUZMAN & AJ BUQUID photography KURT ALVAREZ (Sky Villas)





THE  
RISE

daylight to freely enter your space. At night, a clear view of the Ortigas skyline and Sierra Madre mountain range will surely mesmerize you. The tower is complete with luxurious amenities like infinity pool, fitness facility, mini theatre, garden lounge, and outdoor play area, plus access to the shops and restos in Capitol Commons.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **CAPITOL COMMONS, PASIG CITY**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**  
URL: **WWW.THEIMPERIUM.PH**

#### AYALA LAND PREMIER

##### TWO ROXAS TRIANGLE

This beautiful building takes luxury living to a whole new level. With elevators opening directly to the lobby exclusive to each unit, you are assured of security in your residence. With a maximum of four units on each floor, you also get the luxury of having walk-in closets and a garden or balcony. There's also exclusive access to the pool, indoor and outdoor courts, game and play rooms, fitness center and a helipad.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **CRUZADA ST., COR PASEO DE ROXAS, MAKATI CITY**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **AYALA LAND PREMIERE,**  
**EMAIL SALES@TWOXASTRIANGLE.COM.PH**  
URL: **WWW.TWOXASTRIANGLE.COM.PH**

#### SHANG PROPERTIES

##### THE RISE

Step out and discover new hubs to dine in, play at, and create in in the design and art

district of northern Makati. More than a place to stay, The Rise gives you a complete city experience. Perfect for restless, young professionals and career-oriented and creative individuals, the development offers ultimate convenience for every activity you have in mind. It has a wide array of amenities including the "Nest" lounge filled with couches perfect for reading; the "Hangout" lounge, which includes a cinema and billiard and karaoke rooms; and the "Workshop" lounge, featuring workstations and bars.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM**  
LOCATION: **YAKAL ST., MAKATI CITY**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **SHANG PROPERTIES,**  
**TEL. (02) 843-7473**  
URL: **WWW.THERISEMAKATI.COM**

#### PHILIPPINE REALTY HOLDINGS CORP.

##### SKY VILLAS

If you won't settle for less and would love a much bigger space, Sky Villas at One Balete Drive gives you just that. With its one-bedroom unit at 64sqm, you can easily build your well-divided areas for work and play. And with its expansive balconies and gardens, business lounge and library, meeting rooms, and other topnotch amenities, you have a lot of breathing space to do what you want.

TYPE: **MID-RISE CONDO**  
LOCATION: **ONE BALETE DRIVE, NEW MANILA, QUEZON CITY**  
PRICE RANGE: **PRICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **PHILIPPINE REALTY HOLDINGS CORP., TEL. (02) 416-8686**  
URL: **WWW.SKYVILLAS.COM.PH**

#### SMDC

##### FAME RESIDENCES

With four towers rising in central EDSA, luxury and convenience go hand in hand. Live like a star and unwind in the city with this premier residential project's amenities such as the Walk of Fame and Grand Lobby.

TYPE: **HIGH-RISE CONDO**  
LOCATION: **CENTRAL EDSA, MANDALUYONG CITY**  
PRICE RANGE: **STUDIO UNITS START AT P2.6M**  
CONTACT DETAILS: **SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TEL. (02) 858-0300;**  
**MOBILE 0917-500-5151**  
URL: **FAME-RESIDENCES.COM**

### Designer dogma

Furnishing your luxe home deserves top-of-the-line essentials. Interior designer Rod Lascano shares where to pull out all the stops when designing your space.

1. **FOREGO THE FAUX FINISHES.** "Flooring in natural finishes, such as stone and marble along with textured finishes in earthy hues, elevates the look of the space."
2. **LEARN TO INVEST.** "Your space can be a great avenue to display your precious collection. Choose furniture made by the trusted and quality brands such as Ethan Allen, Calligaris, and BoConcept. These are good brands to start with as they provide seamless, classic designs that suit the most discerning of tastes."
3. **PROVIDE AMPLE LIGHTING.** "Prime developers would never scrimp on ceiling height, so play with that. When there are a few units in a given floor, you'll have more natural light available for your unit. Invest in a window treatment that's made of quality materials so you can effectively control the amount of light that enters a room."



## ASK IT (p. 10)

### DHALTON HOME

G/L The Magnolia Residences, N. Domingo St., New Manila, Quezon City  
Tel. (02) 806-1327

### H&M HOME

G/L SM Makati, Ayala Center, Makati City  
URL: [www.hm.com/ph/subdepartment/HOME](http://www.hm.com/ph/subdepartment/HOME)

### HAY

Casa Bella Home & Living, G/L AIC Burgundy Empire Tower, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City  
URL: [www.hay.dk](http://www.hay.dk)

## NESTING NEWS (p. 16)

### HEIMA

Unit 103, Three Brixton Bldg., 3 Brixton St., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City  
Tel. (02) 501-7588

URL: [www.heimastore.com](http://www.heimastore.com)

### SMEG

2/L Serendra, Bonifacio Global City

## SHOPPING (pp. 17-22)

### A11

2680 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City  
Tel. (02) 832-9972

### ALLHOME

Starmall Prima, Taguig City  
Tel. (02) 842-7016

URL: [www.allhome.com.ph](http://www.allhome.com.ph)

### BO CONCEPT

MOs design, B2 Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City  
Tel. (02) 856-2748

URL: [www.mosdesign.com.ph/](http://www.mosdesign.com.ph/)

### H&M HOME

(See Ask It)

### HAY

222 Ortigas Ave., Greenhills, San Juan City  
Tel. (02) 234-0784

Mobile 0917-621-7945

URL: [www.homematters.ph](http://www.homematters.ph)

### L'INDOCHINE

3/L SM Aura Premier, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig

Tel. (02) 808-5420

URL: [www.facebook.com/ShopLindochine](http://www.facebook.com/ShopLindochine)

### MALAGA TILES

Km 64-65 Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Rd., Silang, Cavite

URL: [www.habiltiles.com](http://www.habiltiles.com)

### MANDAUE FOAM

489 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City  
Tel. (02) 234-1112

URL: [www.mandauefoam.ph](http://www.mandauefoam.ph)

### MATCH

Warehouse 1 ID Furniture Design Center, 2100 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City

Tel. (02) 642-9951

### OUR HOME

LG/L Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

Tel. (02) 634-1943

URL: [www.ourhome.ph](http://www.ourhome.ph)

### SM HOME

At SM Malls nationwide

### SPACE ENCOUNTERS

Unit B Mezzanine, Padilla Bldg., F. Ortigas Jr., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City

Tel. (02) 910-8031

URL: [www.spaceencounters.net](http://www.spaceencounters.net)

### TRIBOA BAY LIVING

G/L LRI Design Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City

Tel. (02) 403-6281

URL: [www.triboabay.com](http://www.triboabay.com)

## SHOP OF THE MONTH (pp. 24-26)

### SPACE ENCOUNTERS

## GET INSPIRED: DÉCOR IDEAS: ROOM FOR INSPIRATION (pp. 43-53)

### GALERIE ASTRA

2/L LRI Design Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St, Makati City

### ID FURNITURE

2100 Pasong Tamo Ext.,

Makati City

Tel. (02) 519-7083

### KISH

233 N. Garcia St., Makati City

Tel. (02) 896-8366

URL: [www.kish.ph](http://www.kish.ph)

### MANDAUE FOAM

(See Shopping)

### MATCH

(See Shopping)

### MORE THAN A CHAIR

House #2 Wilson Compound, Park Ave.,

Pasay City

Tel. (02) 831-0250

URL: [www.morethanachair.com/](http://www.morethanachair.com/)

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

### RUSTANS DEPARTMENT STORE

EDSA Shangri-la Plaza, Mandaluyong City

URL: [www.rustans.ph](http://www.rustans.ph)

### SIFRA INTERIORS AND OBJECTS

3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City

### SPACE ENCOUNTERS

(See Shopping)

### URBAN ABODE

CW Home Depot Ortigas Compound,

Dona Julia Vargas Ave., Pasig City

Tel. (02) 570-4663

## GET INSPIRED: ORGANIZE IT: 12 ORGANIZING MUST-HAVES (pp. 54-55)

### BO CONCEPT

(See Shopping)

### CRATE & BARREL

4/L SM Mega Fashion Hall, SM Megamall,

Mandaluyong City

URL: [www.facebook.com/CrateandBarrelPhilippines](http://www.facebook.com/CrateandBarrelPhilippines)

### H&M HOME

(See Ask It)

### HAY

(See Ask It)

### L'INDOCHINE

(See Shopping)

### MANDAUE FOAM

(See Shopping)

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

### SM HOME

(See Shopping)

## GET THE LOOK OF A COOL AND TRENDY URBAN PAD (p. 65)

### BO CONCEPT

(See Get Inspired: Organize It)

### CO.OP

189 A. Mabini, San Juan City

Tel. (02) 925-5885

### ID FURNITURE

(See Get Inspired: Décor Ideas: Room for Inspiration)

### MATCH

(See Shopping)

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

## GET THE LOOK OF A D.I.Y. FAMILY HOME (p. 73)

### ALLHOME

(See Shopping)

### DECOLIVING

URL: [www.decolivingmanila.com](http://www.decolivingmanila.com)

### DHALTON HOME

(See Ask It)

### DIMENSIONE

Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Tel. (02) 856-6756

### MANDAUE FOAM

(See Shopping)

### MÖBLER

4977 Enrique Street, Palanan,

Makati City

Tel. (02) 216-1782

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

## ROBLES HERITAGE

CW Home Depot Ortigas, Doña Julia Vargas Ave.,

Ortigas Center, Pasig City

URL: [www.roblesheritage.com](http://www.roblesheritage.com)

### SM HOME

(See Shopping)

### VITO SELMA

URL: [www.vitoselma.com](http://www.vitoselma.com)

## GET THE LOOK OF A MODERN TROPICAL HOME (p. 83)

### ACE HARDWARE

At all leading SM Malls Nationwide

### ADA AQUARIUMS

Hobbes and Landes, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City

Email [sales@adana.com.ph](mailto:sales@adana.com.ph)

URL: [www.adana.com.ph](http://www.adana.com.ph)

### HOME MATTERS

(See Shopping)

### NATIONAL BOOKSTORE

At all leading malls nationwide

### TRIBOA BAY LIVING

(See Shopping)

## GET THE LOOK OF AN AIRY, MODERN-PINOY HOME (p. 93)

### DEXTERTON

157 Sgt. E. Rivera Street, Quezon City,

Philippines

Tel. (02) 362-1111

### HOME MATTERS

(See Shopping)

### KISH

(See Get Inspired: Decor Ideas: Rooms for Inspiration)

### LINDOCHINE

(See Shopping)

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

### VITO SELMA

(See Get the Look of a DIY Family Home)

### WALLPRINTS

G/L J and L Bldg., 251 EDSA,

Mandaluyong,

Tel. (02) 726-8376

## GET THE LOOK OF A DRAMATIC FILIPINIANA HOME (p. 103)

### ACE HARDWARE

(See Get the Look of a Modern Tropical Home)

### GALERIE ASTRA

(See Get Inspired: Decor Ideas: Rooms for Inspiration)

### OUR HOME

(See Shopping)

### KISH

(See Get Inspired: Decor Ideas: Rooms for Inspiration)

### KABISAYAAN ANTIQUE

Mobile 0908-93802977

## RL NOTEBOOK (pp. 105-111)

### AC+632

2/L Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center,

Makati City

### AMERICAN STANDARD

At Wilcon Depots

URL: [www.wilcon.com.ph](http://www.wilcon.com.ph)

### BO CONCEPT

(See Shopping)

### DIMENSIONE

Tel. (02) 856-6756

### H&M HOME

(See Ask It)

### HANDYMAN

At Robinsons malls nationwide

### HAY

(See Ask It)

### HEIMA

(See Nesting News)

### KUBULAR

URL: [www.kubular.ph](http://www.kubular.ph)

### KULTURA

Tel. (02) 808-5421

### ID FURNITURE

(See Get Inspired: Decor Ideas: Rooms for Inspiration)

## MAKE ROOM AND MORE

B-5, Bonifacio High Street, 9th Ave., Taguig

### MATCH

(See Shopping)

### MÖBLER

(See Get the Look of a DIY Family Home)

### RUSTANS DEPARTMENT STORE

EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard,

Mandaluyong City

Tel. (02) 633-4636

URL: [www.rustans.com.ph](http://www.rustans.com.ph)

### SPACE ENCOUNTERS

(See Shopping)

### TRUE VALUE

3/L, Robinsons Magnolia, Aurora Blvd.

cor. Dona Hemady St., Quezon City

Tel. (02) 720-9639

### WILCON

90 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Ugon Norte

Murphy, Libis, Quezon City.

Tel. (02) 634-8387

## REAL MAKEOVER (pp. 112-115)

### ROBINSONS DEPARTMENT STORE

(See Get the Look of an Exotic, Colorful Home)

### HANDYMAN DO-IT-BEST

Available in Robinsons malls nationwide

## PROFESSIONALS

### ATELIER ALMARIO

Tel. (02) 817-4016

Email [atelier\\_almario@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:atelier_almario@yahoo.com.ph)

### MIKKI ALINGAROG

Interior Designer

Mobile 0905-367-9464

Email [mixitoot@yahoo.com](mailto:mixitoot@yahoo.com)

### HANNAH ACAB-FAUSTINO

Principal Interior Designer

IDEAL Interior Design Services

Mobile 0917-897-1363

Email [idrhannahfaustino@yahoo.com](mailto:idrhannahfaustino@yahoo.com)

### VIVIAN GACAD

Interior Designer



# MEGAWORLD

## Most Awarded Company in the 2015 Property & Real Estate Awards

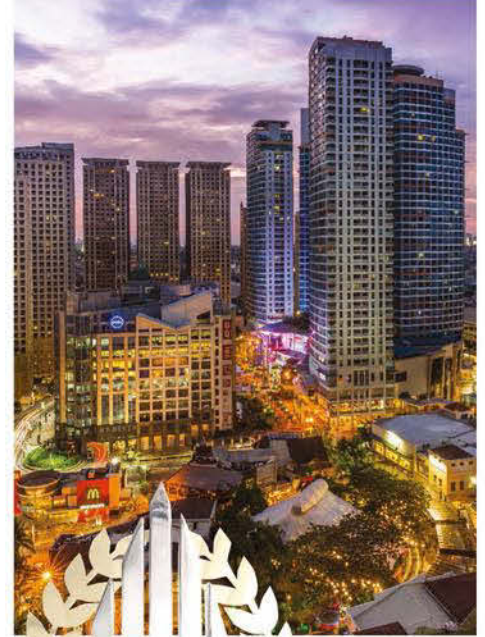
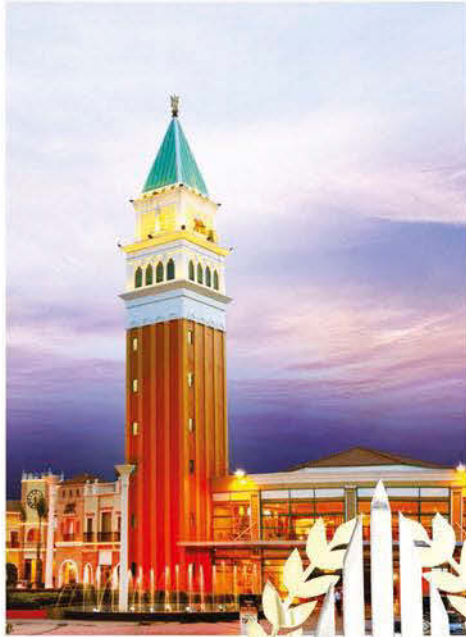
Megaworld, the Philippines' leader and pioneer developer of integrated urban townships and the top BPO office landlord and developer, emerged to be this year's most awarded company in the 2015 Property & Real Estate Awards held last Friday night at the new Marriott Grand Ballroom in Newport City. Organized by the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) Philippines chapter, the awards were given to property developers that established proven track records and remarkable performances in the country's real estate industry. The 2015 Property & Real Estate Awards is FIABCI's first in the Philippines and was attended by property and home developers, contractors, realtors, brokers from the Asia Pacific region as well as officials from the Philippine government.

### PRIX D'EXCELLENCE

#### OVERALL OUTSTANDING DEVELOPER

Reinforcing its leadership as the country's leading property developer today, Megaworld emerged to be this year's OVERALL OUTSTANDING DEVELOPER for pioneering and innovating the LIVE-WORK-PLAY lifestyle concept into its developments.

Megaworld doesn't only construct buildings. It creates sustainable communities where everything is within reach. This kind of "lifestyle development" in the Philippine property sector has served as a model of other mixed-use developments in the country. Megaworld's success is now a testament of world-class Filipino ingenuity and excellence in the country's real estate industry.



#### OUTSTANDING DEVELOPER FOR TOWNSHIP EASTWOOD CITY

As the country's pioneer and leader in the development of the so-called "integrated urban townships," Megaworld has gone a long way in changing the landscape of property development in the Philippines.

The country's first wholly-owned integrated urban township, Eastwood City, which was also recognized by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) as the country's first cyberpark, has now become a successful benchmark for mixed-use communities in the Philippines. Today, Eastwood City is proud to be home to around 70,000 BPO and office workers, 25,000 condominium residents and more than 500 commercial retail partners, making it a major center of business and lifestyle in Quezon City.

#### DR. ANDREW L. TAN Property Man of the Year



Megaworld chairman and CEO Dr. Andrew L. Tan was named "Property Man of the Year" for his outstanding contribution in the Philippine real estate industry. FIABCI recognized Dr. Tan's vision in creating sustainable communities that allow Filipinos to live, work, play and learn -- the concept that Megaworld pioneered and introduced to the Philippines 26 years ago. Through his visionary leadership, Dr. Tan has turned Megaworld into a real estate giant and one of the most admired companies in the Philippines today.

#### OUTSTANDING DEVELOPER FOR OFFICE 8 CAMPUS PLACE

As the company's continuing commitment for environmental sustainability, the 8 Campus Place Building A in McKinley Hill has been recognized as the country's first LEED Gold-certified building for Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) companies.

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, is a green building ratings program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council or USGBC.

Among the building's "green" features include reduced number of parking spaces to encourage the building occupants to use public transportation instead of private vehicles; accommodations for bicycle storage and shower facilities.

The building also uses 45% less water than any other standard buildings by providing water efficient plumbing fixtures. The exterior landscape was also designed to use non-potable water for irrigating plants and vegetation. The use of wide-glass architecture was carefully planned to infiltrate natural light into the building by installing double glazed gas-filled insulated (Low-E) glass to reflect the sun's heat away from the building to reduce the air conditioning need inside the building, and the construction materials used contained more than 30% recycled contents.







**Favorite travel destination**  
 "Barcelona. It has a beach and mountains within its city limits. It is the epitome of modern urban planning. Its architecture is rich and diverse—there's the Barri Gotic, Gaudi, and contemporary architects. What's not to love?"

CONI TEJADA

This stylist, host, and former *Real Living* staff lets us in to her lovely room



**Favorite home accessory**

"My Muji City in a Bag Barcelona. It was the simple beauty of each piece that drew me to it." Visit Muji at 2/L Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City

**Favorite design book**

"It's not exactly a home design book, but I love *Wallpaper City Guides*. It combines together two of my favorite things—travel and good design." Available at National Bookstore

**Favorite recycling trick**

"I have six dogs at home, and I started using their poop as fertilizers. Our jasmine plant came back from the brink of death when I put some dog poop in its pot."

**Favorite pick-me-up treat**

"Goya White Chocolate Bar. It's cheap and it's yum!" Available at leading supermarkets

**Favorite home scent**

"Citronella. I actually like its scent and also because it keeps bugs away. And green tea. It smells both fresh and sweet but is not floral." Find Citronella-scented spray or candles at Echostore, [www.echostore.ph](http://www.echostore.ph)

**Favorite object on the night table**  
 "A book. Because I read myself to sleep."



**Favorite home gadget**  
 "The humble electric kettle. It serves hot water in a jiffy—perfect for my morning oatmeal and a cup of green tea any time of the day." Find similar at SM Home



**Favorite area in the house**  
 "My desk. It is where I feel like I am most in control of my life."

**Favorite color combination**  
 "Blue and white. It is very calming to me." Try Brilliant Blue and White Mosaic, both from Ace Paints





**mav**  
furniture

  
**PAULA DEEN**  
*Home Collection*





*Margaret Bed & Fort Myers Bachelor's Chest*

**Design Centers:**

**GREENHILLS** Designmix Bldg. 59 Connecticut St. North East Greenhills San Juan City 1503 • Tel: +632 705 7185 • Mobile: +63917 628 3725

**MAKATI** 926 Arnaiz Ave. (Pasay Rd) Makati City 1223 (Near New World Hotel) • Tel: +632 844 9549 • Mobile: +63917 317 8805

Showroom hours: Monday to Saturday 10am - 7pm • Sunday 1pm - 7pm

  mavfurnitureph • [www.mav.ph](http://www.mav.ph)



# TRUST THE BRAND ARCHITECTS TRUST FOR THEIR OWN HOMES.

TRIED AND TRUSTED BY ARCHITECTS



WALLS • CEILINGS • FLOORING

Based on the BCI Asia 2014 Architects Choice Awards.

Build your home with HardieFlex® Fiber Cement Boards.

- Termite Resistant
- Fire Resistant
- Moisture Resistant
- Impact Resistant
- No Asbestos

For your peace of mind, use the brand trusted  
by architects -- HardieFlex®



JamesHardiePH

Ask JamesHardie: Call 1-800-1-888-5427 or (02) 895-5427 • [www.jameshardie.com.ph](http://www.jameshardie.com.ph)



**JamesHardie**  
Living without compromise

®denotes a registered trademark owned by James Hardie Technology Limited ©James Hardie Philippines, Inc. January 2015 Additional installation information, warranties and warnings are available at [www.jameshardie.com.ph](http://www.jameshardie.com.ph)